At the call of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest a conference was held at Room 48, 40 E. Randolph St., Chicago, October 30th, 1907, at which the following representatives were present. From the Board of the Northwest - Mrs. Berry, President; Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Robinson. From the Woman's Board of Home Missions - Mrs. Bennett, Vice President; Miss Petrie, Young People's Secretary.

The Westminster Guild Committee was represented by Mrs. Alfred Tyler, chairman; Miss Glenn, Miss Lord, Miss Rumsey, Mrs. Coy, Miss Ross, Miss Sarver, Mrs. Forsyth, Miss Clark. After prayer by Mrs. Berry, the object of the conference was stated by the chairman, Mrs. Tyler, as follows: The formation of a plan whereby the Woman's Board of Home Missions should co-operate with the Board of the Northwest in the work of organizing and supervising Westminster Guilds.

Miss Glenn, the secretary, stated that as a result of the first year's work fifty-two chapters have been organized within the territory of the Board of the Northwest, and had there been provision for Home Missions a larger number would be enrolled. She also reported that Mrs. Palmer, a Field Secretary for the Woman's Board of Home Missions, working at present in the territory of the Board of the Northwest had been requested to organize chapters, but the Woman's Board of Home Missions having no part in this movement, she had been unable to comply with this request.

Mrs. Berry told of experiences at recent meetings of synodical societies where the desire had been expressed to have Home Missions included in the scheme of the Westminster Guild. Miss Petrie reported correspondence and personal interviews of a similar character with officers of various Foreign Mission Boards, and leaders of young people's work.

I.After these statements were made Mrs. Bennett asked if it be the plan of the Westminster Guild Committee that the Westminster Chapters should supplant

young women's missionary societies or Bands. In reply to this Miss Glenn stated that such was the plan, explaining that under the Board of the Northwest only 214 organizations of young women's societies and Bands are reported, the great proportion of this number being children's Bands. The Guild should in no way supplant the C. E. societies nor children's Bands, but could with profit take the place of the young women's societies as they exist at present, and would be the most desirable form of organization to be pushed in local churches having no organization of young women.

II. Mrs. Bennett then asked whether in view of the fact that these chapters have not been specifically missionary would not the revenue of the Woman's Boards be reduced by supplanting the young women's missionary societies, these being for the Woman's Board of Home Missions a dependable revenue. Mrs. Tyler replied to the question by stating that although gifts for Foreign Missions have not been asked from the chapters during this period of organization it is expected that gifts to the Board will be largely increased. With this in view, on November second at the annual meeting of the Guild the chapters will be asked to undertake the support of a Foreign Mission station to be called "A ~~Social~~ Christian Settlement in the East."

III. The question then arose, "What would be the relation of the Guild to the Woman's Board and its synodical and presbyterial auxiliaries?" The present plan of the Westminster Committee is to have the local chapters in direct communication with the Guild Secretary in Chicago, and to have all reports sent to her. This plan includes the appointment by this committee of a special Guild secretary in each state who shall be responsible to the committee at Headquarters. (This plan does not include reports to synodical and presbyterial organizations.) It was then pointed out that the co-operation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions would make this movement national, taking it beyond the boundaries of the Board of the Northwest and thus making the affiliation of the

other six Foreign Boards of utmost importance. The representatives from the Woman's Board of Home Missions expressed the belief that it would be unwise to attempt the formation within the churches of an independent organization, as the synodical and presbyterial societies are the basis of the Woman's Mission Boards. Much discussion followed, resulting in the understanding that the present plans of the Westminster Guild Committee would be modified to meet the new conditions. That is, the state secretary referred to should be a synodical officer elected by the synodical society, it being the expressed hope of this conference that suggestions for such officers be given by the committees having the Westminster chapters in charge.

IV. It was the belief of the conference that until the work has assumed greater proportions, it will be wise to keep the local chapters in direct communication with this synodical secretary without the intervention of a presbyterial secretary.

V. The next question was the unification of the work by securing the co-operation of the other six Women's Foreign Boards. In order to achieve this it was decided that the Board of the Northwest should ask for a conference with representatives from each of the six Boards. It was the further understanding of the conference that there should be formed a joint committee consisting of representatives of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and of the Women's Foreign Mission Boards affiliating with this movement, the votes of the Woman's Board of Home Missions being equal in number of those of the combined Foreign Boards. Joint courses of study and matters of common interest must be submitted to this committee.

For the Guild Committee, the chairman expressed the hope that the Headquarters of the Guild for the seven Foreign Boards should be at ~~Room 48, 40 East Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois~~ the Headquarters of the Board of the Northwest, for a period of at least five years, the plan having been developed under this Board of the Northwest.

VI. Mrs. Tyler further stated that the plan of the committee, as approved by their Board, would change their plan of the past year making a nine months year instead of ten, as the constitution of the chapters provides for continuous study. The committee further suggested that the scheme consist of three study courses of three months each, one on Foreign Missions, one on Home Missions and a Bible course. A discussion on the necessary printed helps followed and resulted in an understanding that the Woman's Board of Home Missions should provide the outlines and helps for the Home Mission course, and the Foreign Board's uniting in this effort should do the same for the Foreign course. The Bible study course to be provided in alternate years by the Home and Foreign Boards, the manuscript of the same to be approved by a joint committee.

VII. Miss Rumsey then stated that if plans are changed it will be necessary to change the name of the organization which is now the "Westminster Guild, of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest." It was moved and carried unanimously to recommend that it be called "The Westminster Guild of the Women's Boards of the Presbyterian Church."

A motion was then made that the Minutes of this conference be submitted to the representatives of the two Boards (the Board of the Northwest and the Woman's Board of Home Missions) and after approval by them shall be presented to the above Boards for ratification.

Conference of Delegates of the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions to consider the Westminster Guild.

Mrs. Tyler, Chairman of the meeting, welcomed the delegates and opened the conference with a brief history of the Guild. She said that the Guild was formed to reach young women not interested in missions and to educate them to take the places of the leaders of today. It combined certain attractive features of the club, the sorority, the Young Woman's Christian Association, consecrating them to the service of missions. The Westminster Guild Committee had direct charge of the organizations so far. The essential feature of the work was educational. To be a Chapter of the Guild, the young women must study the program on the oriental country and were urged to take the Bible course. The details of the work would be reported by the members of the committee having the work in charge.

Before calling on them, Mrs. Tyler explained the reason of this Conference. It grew directly out of the Conference with the Home Board, held in October. This first conference was due to the fact that the young women in our territory demanded of us some kind of a union. They did not want the Guild unless it included Home Missions, while the Home Secretary was frequently asked to form Chapters. At this conference, we found that if the Home Board took up this organization, they would make it national for Home Missions. If it was to be an organization equally Home and Foreign, the seven Foreign Boards must have some agreement in regard to it by which it could be made national for Foreign Missions. The Conference was called for that purpose--to find out whether the Guild was fitted to the needs and purposes of the seven Boards: questions were especially requested.

Report of the Treasurer, Miss Rumsey.

Negative:- I have received no funds for mission work. These all go through prescribed channels to our Board. I sign no checks; I hold no money permanently.

Positive:- I receive money in payment for literature and postage, program money going into the Guild fund. I approve all bills and vouchers of the Committee expenditures.

The Guild fund consisted originally of $1,102.75. One thousand dollars was given by Mrs. McGregor, of Detroit, one hundred by Mrs. Scotten. also of Detroit. Expenditures up to December 23,1907- $637.11. The greatest expense has been for our open meetings and printing. There have been three open meetings. The organization was launched in November,1906, at a tea given at the Fortnightly Club rooms, when Dr. Shaw and others spoke. This year a third meeting was held at which Mrs. Montgomery, Dr. Sailer and Miss Glenn spoke inspiringly. These three meetings have cost $130.00, but we think it worth while because we want to make the social part of the organization attractive. The Committee hopes as the work increases to have such a social gathering, with a speaker, each year, in every state.

The printing has cost $302.00. Everything we have printed appeals to the eye as well as to the mind.

The most important work we are just beginning- the support of a station in China. It is our plan to have this station, which is to be called the Westminster Guild station, supported eventually by the Chapters. The sum asked for has been divided into shares of two dollars

each. These certificates, which have just come from the printer, we send out to Chapters to be filled in, signed and returned to us. When the subscription is paid, the certificate is signed by the Board Treasurer and sent to the Chapter to keep. The money goes through the Presbyterial channels.

The Board pays our Traveling Secretary and postage on all regular business. The postage on "Helps" comes from the Guild fund. This fund we hope may be kept up by private subscriptions.

Report of Organization Committee
Mrs. Coy.

The duties of the secretary of organization can not be as definitely described as those of most of the officers of the Guild Committee. She carries on all correspondence with regard to the organization of Chapters. The first notification of the organization of a Chapter is sent to her and she at once sends a letter of welcome enclosing a registration blank, if the Chapter has not previously been provided with one. The secretary of the Guild Committee and the librarian take from these blanks information necessary to their departments of the work and then the blanks are kept on file by the secretary of organization. Whenever possible the secretary of organization or some member of the Guild Committee is present at the organization of Chapters in Chicago and vicinity. She plans and arranges with the Traveling Secretary her itinerary The state secretaries report to and keep in close touch with the secretary of organization.

Miss Hyde asked in regard to registration blank. Mrs. Coy replied by reading registration blank. Then explained again how they were used.

Report of Program Committee.
Miss Coulter.

My report will be briefly historical, for we have only prepared three programs. Every year Chapters take up new work.

Of course the first year we had no regular program committee and Miss Glenn prepared a program on India; so we can take no credit for it. We chose, because of its convenience, Bishop Thoburn's book, last year. Some few Chapters had Bible work as well as the program on the Oriental country. To them we suggested as text book "The Principles of Jesus", by Robert Speer. This year the program is on China. We have now prepared for the second course a program on Prof. Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question". The committee try to arrange these programs so that the young women may feel that missions are the necessary outcome of any sort of Christian work that they undertake. This program on China does not closely follow the text book, but it is quite simple and develops the subject more fully than the text book does.

I do not know that there is anything further to say in connection with the Bible program. Letters are to be sent at each meeting of the Chapter, or some form of lesson help. A letter to the leader of the Chapter is sent every two weeks in order that they may feel that they are in direct contact with us. We have arranged to have these letters for this Bible course written by men who are well known writers on these subjects. List of these writers followed.

Mrs. Campbell:- I want to add one thing to Miss Coulter's report. While we study a text book as well as the Bible in this course, the author's whole point in this book is to bring us back in every single chapter to the fact that it is essential for us to know what Christ wants us to do in regard to the question before us.

Report of Helps Committee.
Miss Sarver.

The work of the Committee on Helps is to secure and have prepared in suitable form for mailing communications for the Librarian to send every two weeks to the Chapters of the Guild.

The object of these communications is two-fold. First-to keep the Westminster Guild Committee in close touch with each Chapter. Second-to give the Chapters information not found in the text - something new for each meeting.

This committee commenced in the summer collecting from every available source, articles and illustrations dealing with China. These were mounted on numbered cards. Several sets of the pictures illustrating "Rex Christus" were bought. Since our aim is to have in the hands of each leader one card and two pictures at every meeting, and never the same twice, a printed slip was attached to each card saying, "As these are to be kept in circulation please return clippings and pictures to Miss Rumsey immediately after your next meeting."

An outline of the other articles sent out this year may be of interest.

The first letter was introductory in character, stating the Committee's plans- giving the name of the text book, where to be procured, &c., and ending with some helpful quotations from Dr. Hunter Corbett of Chefoo and Dr. Chas.H. Roys, of WeiHsien, Shantung, China.

After two weeks we sent the attractive booklet containing the addresses which were delivered at the banquet to the High Commissioners, given at the Waldorf Astoria.

We have been very fortunate in having had letters written expressly for us. Mrs. Geo. W. Wright wrote a delightful letter, telling of the homes and customs in Northern Interior China-a country which is still unaffected by foreign influence.

By this time, the committee realized the "high calling" of leadership was not an easy one, so a letter of suggestions was compiled for leaders. Valuable ideas were gleaned from Miss Belle Brain's excellent book "Holding the Ropes". With this letter to leaders we enclosed "The Memorial of the China Centenary Conference", also the appeal for money- of which Miss Rumsey will tell you.

Robert Speer's convincing address "The Non-Christian Religions Inadequate" was chosen for the next communication and it would surely be helpful in preparing the study "Systems of Thought". Our annual meeting report went out at this time; also the leaflet descriptive of the Yu-yiao station and the treasurer's communication concerning share taking.

Two articles are still to go. One, which Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston, recently returned from his tour of the mission stations, has kindly prepared for us.-"Impressions of China". And the letter from Mr. Gilbert McIntosh, of Shanghai, to the Assembly's Board giving a graphic account of present conditions in China, is the last of the helps to be sent for the China program.

Report of Library Committee.
Miss Rumsey.

The work of the library committee is primarily to send out helps, study books, programs and reference books. In this work a card catalogue is a necessity. We use five sets of cards. First set, classified by states, contains a card for every chapter, on which is recorded name of secretary, date of organization and what has been sent to that Chapter. Second set, alphabetical list of secretaries. Third set, classified by states, gives names of those whose requests for literature and information have been answered, and what has been sent. Fourth set, permanent mailing list. Fifth set, reference library catalogue.

According to the first set of cards, seventy-four Chapters have been formed, nine disbanded, total, sixty-five Chapters in a year and a half.

A list is kept of pictures and clippings, so that the same ones do not go to the same Chapter a second time.

Miss Rumsey read two letters from Chapters to illustrate what curious questions can be asked and valuable suggestions given. She emphasized as one particularly strong point of the Guild, the personal contact between Chapters and Committee.

Report of Special Work Committee.
Mrs. Shaw.

What I am trying to do is to develop Chapters along the verse, "Freely ye have received: freely give." Miss Glenn suggests practical work to the Chapters organized. I have written letters to these Chapters suggesting that in connection with their study work they take up practical work and do it at the meeting. I send a list of things that are needed most. We have not had a great deal of response. We do not urge it where it will interfere with the money obligation. I have already sent several packages to foreign lands. I have suggested utility bags, aprons, scrap books for the hospitals etc. We feel that it is worth while urging these Chapters to take this up.

Report of Printing Committee.
Miss Clark.

There is really very little to tell. You take things to the printer and he tells you the cost, and you get them done. You have had samples of most of them. Of course these are rather expensive booklets, and I think that perhaps some people think too much so. We probably would not have spent so much if not for the special fund. Two colors cost more than one, and are more attractive, and it seems worth while, to us. We

think it is of importance that our programs be printed in the colors to make an attractive book, and not the old style tract.

Miss Hodge:- What is the charge for these programs?
Miss Clark:- Last year they were sent out free. This year we shall charge five cents for the China program.

Discussions.

The delegate from the North Pacific Board, Mrs. Hill, reported that the Board were considering the Guild and had sent some suggestions concerning it for the consideration of the Boards.

Mrs. Tyler:- This is perhaps the time to refer again to the conference held with the Home Board. The Home Board is willing to take this up all through their territory. We have sixty-five Chapters this year to report as a result, and more in process of formation. Miss McCord has already four or five Chapters that expect to send in the blanks immediately after the meeting in Minneapolis. Miss Glenn discovered Miss McCord for us. We are trying to get a state secretary for each state;- a young woman with sufficient energy, tact, time, and consecration above all, who shall be the secretary of organization for her state.

Question:- Will she be Home Secretary as well as Foreign?
Yes. We expect to have one secretary for each state to do this work.

Miss Hodge:- The Philadelphia Board has 490 societies of young women. We have Presbyterial secretaries who have direct charge of the young women and keep in close touch with them, and to take that work out of their hands would be to take half of their work away. Pennsylvania never organized Foreign Missions Synodically.
Miss Hodge:- Are we expected to make these organizations already formed over into Westminster Guilds? If the Pennsylvania Board should take up the Westminster Guild would the present women's organizations be changed?
Mrs. Tyler:- It would be an unnecessary complication.

On discussion, more of the delegates objected than approved to the changing of organizations already formed.
Miss Hodge asked if a meeting every two weeks was essential.
It was answered that as all Chapters are study classes, it was desirable to have them meet once in two weeks, but there could be no fixed rule. All Chapters were to study the same text book.

The question of Presbyterial connection was raised.
It was explained that at the conference with the Home Board, it was felt that our state secretary must be a Synodical officer, but at present we need not have Presbyterial officers.
Miss Hodge:- The Synodical Society is not organized in Pennsylvania. All the work is done through the Presbytery and not through the Synod. In Pennsylvania there are three times as many Young Women's Societies as in the whole Board of the Northwest. The average attendance of the meetings of the young women's societies varies from five or six to thirty or thirty-five.

After some discussion as to what would be the result if the Home Board should form Westminster Chapters in the territory of a Foreign Board who had not adopted it, Mrs. Berry asked if the Young Women's Societies in the Philadelphia Board were organized for both Home and Foreign work.

Miss Hodge:- In Ohio they are organized for Home and Foreign: in New Jersey and Pennsylvania there are not nearly so many. The Foreign Boards got in first and organized the young women and children and the Home Board realize that they must do something. Where the two Boards had an even start the organizations were for both: the organization for both was much less in the East than in the West.

Miss Van Wagenan:- There are more of ours for both.

Miss Hyde:- Ours are almost entirely so. We have very few separate. They are both Home and Foreign. The young women are not thoroughly organized. There are very few Christian Endeavor Societies. I think there is great room for the Westminster Guild in our territory. Of course we have had so many new conditions to meet and so many changes that, to use a slang phrase, we hardly know where we are at. I do not know how the Cumberland church is so far as young people are concerned.

Miss Hodge:- There was practically nothing for young people in the Cumberland church.

Mrs. Campbell:- Would there be any objection to the Philadelphia Board working Presbyterially? We are coming to it. Of course we want to keep the work very well in hand as a Committee as long as we can.

Mrs. Hill:- In considering this subject will the Board try to change the societies into Guilds or organize new societies?

Mrs. Tyler:- Organize new societies. It would double the labor to take societies already organized and try to form them into something else. There is a great field of untouched women.

Miss VanWagenan:- If all the Boards adopt the Westminster Guild what would be the relation of the present young people's secretary of the Board to the Guild?

It has been suggested that if we went into this plan, we should have to have a yearly meeting of delegates from the seven Boards. That each Board might send as a delegate their young people's secretary. Those representatives would be a Board of Control of the Westminster Guild throughout the United States. Now about the question of voting power on this Board. Should the Home Board have equal voting power without equal representation? Should the Home Board have seven votes for only one representative? and seven votes for the Foreign Boards for their seven representatives? The duties of this committee should be to divide the work of the program and to supervise all general features of the work. The Home Board should not send out twenty communications while the Foreign Boards sent out ten, or the opposite; but the work should be kept as a unit in every way: the Committee of Control should have charge of that sort of thing, while each of the seven Board committees should have charge of the work in its territory. Plans for the general work should be made at this conference. This is just a suggestion as to what might be done.

Mrs. Pinney:- Westminster Guild Chapters are not missionary societies so organized are they? With reference to affiliation- this organiza-

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is not pledged to either Home or Foreign missions from a money basis; only educational toward missions. Then why is it necessary that we should name it Home or Foreign? Many in our territory would be equally Home and Foreign contributions, as they are now. It seems to us that this is a very simple matter. Simply go on with the organization as it is: send money for Home missions to the Home treasurer; for foreign work to the Presbyterial treasurer. There would be no other connection whatever with Presbyterial or Synodical organizations. None excepting with the Westminster Guild. It seems to me the money is the only place where we need to make arrangements. If the Home ladies wish to join us they will furnish their share of the expense. In planning our work I chose for our committee representative young women representing Home as well as Foreign. The Presbyterial societies are all Home and Foreign so they understand where to send the money. The young people send their money to the Home and Foreign treasurers. The plan of the Westminster Guild is perfect. There is no need for the missionary officers, the state secretary being the connecting link between the Committee and the Boards.

Mrs. Berry:- What about study?

Mrs. Pinnoy:- We have for one term of three months study of an Oriental country, and one term of three months study of our country. We have no right to say how the money shall be divided. Personally, I believe more should go to the Foreign Boards, but I believe in the societies being allowed to contribute according to their own dictates. The primary thing is to get these young women organized and interested in the study of other lands.

Another thing, my Bible Class of young women was steered into the mission work. They are all college girls organized into a sorority. We have thirty dollars in the treasury and are waiting to know what to do with it. We are not going to keep it idle. The Home sisters will get their share. We should have officers whose duty it shall be to collect the money and guide it in the right channels. The Occidental Board is ready to go into the Westminster Guild. All members of the Westminster Guild Committee are not members of the Board. We have a splendid young woman in close touch with college women as young people's secretary who is simply burdened. The Christian Endeavor is growing in our territory. She has all she can do. She is on the committee but does not take a prominent place. I have tried to select those not thoroughly engaged in the Board and to keep enough Board officers in to keep the Committee level.

Mrs. Campbell:- Our Westminster Guild is a part of the committees of the Board: is appointed by the Board and reports to the Board.

Miss Van Wagenan:- Was the plan to have a committee of each Board from the seven independent Boards to do the work, or all to be run from the central committee?

Mrs. Tyler:- All committees of the different Boards should do the same thing the same year, that far they would be run from the Committee of control; but each Board should have control in turn. If New York asked for the program next year they would draw up the helps. The helps should all be printed at one place and sent to the seven other Boards. They would all be doing the same thing at once, but having the originality of the several Boards at different times.

Miss Hodge quoted from minutes of the meeting with Home Board with reference to headquarters.

It was explained that by headquarters we meant that all printing might be done here to save express East and West. Reports of the Chapters formed during the year should be kept in the office here so that a complete list of the Westminster Chapters should be had by the Foreign Board as well as by the Home Board. Otherwise there is not much meant by headquarters.

Mrs. Pinney:- I am so thoroughly in mind with your committee that I would say by all means(the ladies of the Occidental Board agree) that this committee should be the head of the publication work. We will furnish our proportion of the matter if it should seem best. I should not ask for it very soon for the Occidental Board.

Mrs. Pratt:- I believe that the publication of books, helps, blanks, and all such things should come from Chicago.

Mrs. Tyler:- It would be our privilege to have all the suggestions we can get from the other Boards. If we do the printing here we do it to unify us and also to save expense.

Mrs. Campbell:- We would be very glad to have some other Board do the program work for another year.

Miss Rumsey:- Wouldn't it be possible to select some talented person, Mrs. Montgomery for example, to prepare the program?

Miss Hodge:- Would headquarters be confusing to the Chapters?

Mrs. Tyler:- Individual Chapters would not know headquarters. The committees of the different Boards should be a connecting link between headquarters and local Chapters.

Mrs. Shaw:- Would the Boards be willing to prepare programs? If the foreign program were prepared by our Board the other Boards would not be satisfied very long. The Committee of Control should prepare it together in consultation with all the other Boards. They should have a very decided part in preparing the program.

Miss VanWagenan:- What were the reasons that led to the necessity of preparing a program in addition to the United Study course?

Mrs. Tyler:- In the first place we wanted to give these young women in connection with our Board opportunity to do something that was prepared for them individually. Then, while we have used the study books of the mission study course , we do not intend to do it necessarily. The very fact that anything is labelled missionary is disenchanting for the young women. We say to the Westminster Chapters, we want you to take certain study courses we will give you. They like them and go to work on them,as they would not if they were sent in the form suited to well informed missionary societies.

Miss Coulter:- The extra advantage in the program outline makes it almost essential. In fact it makes it so that the untrained will get at work.

Mrs. Pinney:- I understand the plan is that the mission study classes are to meet weekly and take certain courses and then disband; while this is to be through the year.

Mrs. Hill:- The North Pacific Board is organized for both Home and Foreign work. They are ready to co-operate in every way possible and are delighted to do it.

Miss Hodge:- The young women of the Philadelphia Board support one missionary in Tokyo, and have had one in China.

Mrs. Tyler:- Because of my own heart desire, it seems to me that if the Westminster Guild became a national movement we could have Westminster Guild stations in different foreign countries as fast as we could support them: that all seven Boards should unite in that one station so that it would be a link in a chain to hold together the Westminster Guild women.

Miss Hodge:- How can I bring those young women already organized into line without changing your plans quite a good deal, perhaps more than you want to do? What have you insisted upon? Must they take this particular course, or can they take some other? I want to know what are the essential points.

Mrs. Tyler to the delegates:- As you see it now, do you think it desirable that the seven Boards unite in this work? If we decide on that, it may be possible to make the necessary changes.

Mrs. Pinney:- It certainly does appeal to me, and I am positive that we can unite. I am instructed by my Board that we shall unite in a united seven Board national Westminster Guild.

Miss VanNagenan:- It is my personal opinion that it is desirable if we can adjust all the details. I shall take it back to my Board.

Miss Hyde:- I think it is very desirable indeed, and I think your helps are wonderfully helpful. I would dislike to have any change made. I think the program committee has done so very well I would rather trust it to them, though it would not be fair for them to do all the work alone. I think that the suggestion of leaving the program with the joint committee is very desirable. I do not speak with authority, but I am sure that our Board will fall in line with whatever is done and will be very glad to be of help. I think we shall have a large field for organizing just such societies. Our societies are weak and need the enthusiasm from your helps.

Miss Hodge:- I am agreed if it can be accomplished.

Mrs. Hill:- The North Pacific Board sends heartiest approval for the plans of the Board, and will render every help.

Mrs. Tyler read report from Northern New York Board.

As a method of reaching any difficulties in the plan as it is now formed the Constitution to be used by all Chapters was next considered.

Name of the Organization.

Moved, seconded and duly carried that the name shall be The Westminster Guild of the Women's Boards of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.

Article I.

After discussion, Mrs. Pinney presented the following motion.

The organization shall be called the . . . . . Chapter of the Westminster Guild in the . . . . . Presbyterian Church.

Affirmative vote.

Article II. Object.

The suggestion of the North Pacific Board for a fuller and more definite statement of the object was discussed with appreciation of its advantages. The present statement is elastic and can be adapted to every part of the country. Mrs. Pinney moved adoption of Article II. as it now stands. Affirmative vote.

Article III. Age limit.

Northern New York in a letter suggested lower age limit. Objection because of difficulty of programs and danger of becoming a High School organization.

Miss Glenn moved that Article III stand as it is with the amendment that by a two-thirds vote of the local Chapter any young woman under eighteen may be admitted to membership. Seconded. Affirmative vote.

Article IV. Officers.

It was suggested that the number of Vice Presidents be raised to four. Explanation followed, that the patronesses took the place of so many vice presidents. Mrs. Hill asked if the article could not read "Vice Presidents". Motion made and seconded: The officers of the Chapter shall be president, vice presidents(plural), secretary and treasurer. Two or more patronesses shall be elected. Carried.

Article V. Duties.

It was thought wise to leave the assignment of the duties of the vice presidents to the discretion of the Chapter.

The place and duties of patronesses as advisory members of the Chapter were discussed.

Miss Sarver introduced a new paragraph after duties of the treasurer. Moved:- That it be the duty of a patroness to attend all meetings of the chapter and render such assistance as she is able. Carried.

It was brought out by discussion that the leader is chosen for her ability and may or may not be a member of the Chapter; may be leader the entire course or be chosen for each meeting.

Motion:- The Executive Committee shall present business matters to the Chapters and shall appoint a leader to conduct the study of the Chapter in accordance with the program sent out by the Westminster Guild Committee. Carried.

Article VI.

Motion:- That Article six read that "election of officers and patronesses be held at the first meeting in March of each year. Carried.

Article VII.

Miss VanWagenan moved that Article seven be amended to read- all regular meetings of the Chapter shall be opened with reading of Scripture and prayer. Seconded. Affirmative vote.

Article VIII.

Moved and seconded that this article read "meetings shall be held from October to June inclusively, fortnightly if possible." Affirmative vote.

Article IX.

There was considerable discussion of this article, due partly to the fact that our Boards are differently organized, the Occidental Board having no Synodical officers.

Article IX. Report.

Miss VanWagenan:- Is it necessary to define the Guild Committee?

Miss Hyde:- It would be a good idea to have the idea of the Westminster Committee discussed. Is this report to be sent to the Westminster Guild Committee as a committee belonging to the Foreign Boards as well as to the Home Board? Is each Chapter to make two reports?

Mrs. Pinnoy:- Isn't there some way in which we can spare the young people from sending two reports? Could we have the state secretary send a report to the two Boards? Let her send it to the assigned committee and to the Home Board.

Question:- Whether or not the reports should go to the state secretary?

Mrs. Campbell:- We have but one state secretary and we do not want the Presbyterial and Synodical officers to appoint these secretaries because they are not ready to select the right ones. I think until we have the organization complete it is better not to force the appointment of secretaries.

Mrs. Pinney:- I feel that the power of appointing the state secretary should be in the hands of the Westminster Guild society and not in the Synodical and Presbyterial societies. It is your work to choose your secretary.

Miss VanWagonan:- The committee of one Foreign Board could not select the secretary who is to be both Home and Foreign.

Mrs. Tyler:- I think the Home Board would be ready to accept the appointments from the Foreign Board because we have the territory more perfectly divided. They will want to inquire about the one we suggest, and we in our turn should be ready to accept their suggestions. If this is going to be a Home and Foreign organization it must be Home and Foreign, without divisions.

Mrs. Pinney thought it would be wise to hold the Guild if possible out of Synodical and Presbyterial lines; except in regard to the money received.

Mrs. Forsyth:- At the conference between the Home and Foreign, the Home would not adopt it unless it was on Synodical lines. It was not entirely in reference to the money.

Miss Glenn:- The Westminster Guild as it now stands would have been glad to keep this wholly Westminster Guild, but the Synodical and Presbyterial societies can block it whenever they choose. They will not block it if we keep it on Synodical lines.

Mrs. Tyler:- The only way to hold this purely Westminster Guild is in connection with the state secretaries. They keep in close touch with the Westminster Guild Committees.

Miss Rumsey:- The question is whether we have a right to go into a Presbytery and organize without the consent of the Presbytery. Whether it is a question of state's rights. The Synodical or state secretary seems to answer the question about leaving the power in our own hands by choosing our own officers.

Mrs. Campbell:- It is impossible to work without the aid of the Presbyterial and Synodical officers. They are our avenues of reaching the churches.

Mrs. Pinney:- I gathered that you went to the pastors of the churches and members of the churches to organize them, I think, and not to the Presbyterial societies.

Miss Glenn:- That is what we want to do but because we consult with the pastors we find that the Presbyterial society blocks everything because we did not work through them. After we get their consent, then we are free to go ahead. We are planning a tour through Illinois in February. We wrote to the Synodical president asking her permission. If we ask permission of the Synodical and Presbyterial officers, she is willing to help us: but, if not, she blocks us. It simply means another set of letters.

Miss VanWagenan:- What would be the relation of our officer to the Home Synodical Missions? She should be a member of that?

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Miss Rumsey:- They pay postage for the books, for the reference books, for the helps, return postage on pictures and clippings. We had considered asking each Chapter to pay fifty cents toward expenses. Personally, I think it would be better to send once a month, but to send enough for two meetings, in order to make the postage less.

It was not thought wise to ask dues. If we are to start on the station plan it is better not to ask for anything else. We have never had an initiation fee or dues, that is simply a matter with the Chapter itself.

Mrs. Campbell suggested that these delegates should be appointed the advisory members for the Committee of Control. That we should have a Committee of Control composed of representatives from the different Boards and give to the Home Board equal delegation with our seven Boards. Not equal vote without equal delegation.

Miss Hyde:- It seems necessary to have such a Board. What would happen if any Board felt that they could not pay for a secretary to travel?

Mrs. Coy:- It is necessary to have a travelling secretary.

Miss Glenn:- If the Board objected to a secretary because of the expense would it not be possible to find some one in the territory who would advance the money for it?

Mrs. Berry:- The state secretary covers the field of the travelling secretary.

Miss Hyde:- The state secretary would have to be one who was free to travel and whose expenses could be met.

Answered that this would be desirable but was not essential at this stage.

Mrs. Pinney:- Would it not be necessary to have the meeting of the Committee of Control at the time of the General Assembly on account of saving expense? I think that we could send a recommendation to the Boardsfrom this Conference asking them to send a representative to the advisory committee of the Westminster Guild so that we could have one from each Board to correspond with or to send our literature to.

Motion by Mrs. Campbell. Seconded. Affirmative vote.

Miss VanWagenan:- If we vote to unite a great many questions will come up for reference to the organization. Will that be attended to by the advisory committee?

Until the advisory committee comes into existence a delegate might be appointed by each Board to keep in touch with this committee and let them act as clearing house for all correspondence and questions of the different Boards. It seems desirable that those here today should be appointed by their Boards for the next year.

Second the motion that the Boards appoint delegates here today as the persons to act as correspondents during the coming year.

Affirmative vote.

ADJOURNMENT.

Home Board must approve Representation

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE WESTMINSTER GUILD COMMITTEE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOME BOARD, HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 19th, 1908.

A meeting of the Westminster Guild Committee with representatives from the Board of Home Missions and five representatives from the Board of the Northwest was held on Tuesday, May 19th, at 2 o'clock, Mrs. Tyler presiding.

Mrs. Boole, Miss Petrie and Miss Lincoln represented the Home Board. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Boole. The subject of a committee of administration was first brought up. Mrs. Boole presented the following resolution. In order that there may be time for the Foreign Boards and the Woman's Home Board to appoint committees and to formulate plans, the Woman's Board of Home Missions requests the members of the present Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest supplemented by the addition of an equal number of those familiar with the organization and work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, shall form the Committee of Administration of the Westminster Guild until June 1st, 1909.

After discussion it was moved and seconded that such a resolution be submitted by the Home Board to the other Foreign Boards for their approval. Carried.

The Constitution as read by Mrs. Tyler was accepted with the following changes.

It was moved and carried that the words "Of Missions" be inserted in the title after the words "Woman's Boards".

Article III shall read:-
Any young woman of eighteen or over is eligible for membership.
Article V.-
"That the Treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to the Chapter and disburse them under the direction of the Executive Committee, remitting missionary gifts to the Presbyterial Treasurer quarterly. She shall prepare an annual report for the Chapter." To the duties of the Executive Committee shall be added:- "and shall audit the accounts at least once a year."
Article VII.- shall be put in the By-laws .
Article VIII shall read:-
Three courses of study are required each year, one on our own country, one on some foreign country and one on the Bible.
Article IX.-
The annual report of the Chapter shall be sent to the Westminster Guild Synodical Secretary.

It was moved and carried that the following foot-note be added to the Constitution:-
"Chapters may add By-laws relative to the time and place of the regular meetings, special orders of exercises and general rules applicable to their own local work.

The duties of a Synodical Secretary for the Westminster Guild were discussed.
She shall organize Chapters and shall keep an account of the shares taken and report to the treasurer of the Committee of Administration.
The Westminster Guild Synodical Secretary shall be appointed as heretofore by recommendation, the name being first recommended to the Committee of Administration and after consultation with the President of the Synodical Society, it shall be submitted to the Synodical Society for her appointment.

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Home + Foreign

Mrs. Boole suggested that the Presidents of the Synodical societies and the Synodical secretary for the Westminster Guild should constitute a committee of three to decide how the expense of stationery and postage should be met. This can be brought up at Kansas City at the Conference during General Assembly.

It was decided that the year should be divided into three terms, extending from the middle of October until Christmas, from Christmas until Easter and from Easter until the first of June, the Home and Foreign programs to occupy alternately the first place in the year's work.

The shares will be handled by the Treasurer of the Committee of Administration, the Synodical secretary for the Westminster Guild keeping a record of those taken by Chapters in her state. A complete list will be kept by the Secretary of the Westminster Guild Committee and exchanged with the Secretary of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Home Board.

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The Westminster Guild was originated in the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Northwest for the purpose of reaching the large army of young women home from schools and colleges or those employed during the day, not affiliated with any missionary organization and willing to give time to a definite study of missions.

~~The Board of the Northwest~~ They appointed a committee and a special secretary to inaugurate the work and their plans met with ~~the~~ immediate and enthusiastic response.

It was soon found that the effectiveness of the Chapters would be limited if the organization stood for any division in the Master's work, and to be of lasting service all plans must include both Home and Foreign Missions. Therefore, after a series of conferences it was decided that the Guild should be an organization belonging to the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and that it should know but one field of labor, the world.

AIM.

The aim of the Westminster Guild is twofold:

First: To develop a symmetrical Christian young womanhood.

Second: To bind together, for world-wide service for Christ and the Church, the young women of our denomination.

COURSES OF STUDY.

Three courses of study are recommended each year: one on some Oriental country, one on some subject of vital importance in our own country, and one on the Bible. These studies are directed by programs with helps prepared especially for the Guild. Each course contains six lessons, and every Chapter is requested to take the three courses, if possible.

HELPS.

A program based on the selected text-book is prepared and sent from the Headquarters of the Board within which district the Chapter is located. This program will contain full references and plan the work in such definite form that the course may be pursued by any Chapter without a trained leader. In addition to this regular material, helps will be sent bearing directly on the subject, and consisting of pictures, letters ~~from authorities on the subject~~, clippings from newspapers, magazines, etc.

A small charge, covering the prive of printing and postage, will be made for programs and other literature ordered.

SOCIAL.

Realizing the strength of the social bond, it is advised that this be emphasized in a simple way throughout the year, and that at least one meeting distinctly social in charagter be held during each season.

General conferences for the Chapters in different localities may be arranged as soon as the growth of the organization permits.

As the Guild grows in strength it will grow in service. This is not to be an idle organization. The spirit sought is the spirit of the Master. His great mission is the high legacy.

ORGANIZATION.

Each Chapter of the Westminster Guild is organized under two of the following Women's Boards, the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which is national, and one of the six Foreign Boards. Correspondence should be addressed to the person designated.

Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.- Miss M. Josephine Petrie, ~~Room 712~~, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church - (covering all the Atlantic States east of the Mississippi River and five presbyteries in New Jersey) Miss Margaret E. Hodge, Room 501 Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest - (covering Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan) Mrs. Alfred C. Tyler, Room 48, LeMoyne Block, 40 E. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church - (covering all the New England States, ~~in addition to~~ New York and Kentucky, and three presbyteries in New Jersey) Miss Arietta H. Prentice, Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions - (covering Arizona, California and Utah) Mrs. H. B. Pinney, 620 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Calif.

Woman's North Pacific Presbyterian Board of Missions - (covering Idaho, Washington and Oregon) Mrs. E. P. Geary, 739 Irving St., Portland, Oregon/

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest - (covering Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico) Miss Julia Hyde, 601 Equitable Building, St. Louis, Missouri.

Each of these Boards has appointed a Westminster Guild representative or committee in charge of the Guild in its territory.

The Westminster Guild follows the regular order of all women's work in the Presbyterian Church, being organized first in the individual Church, then grouped in the Presbyterial Society composed of all women's missionary organizations in a certain Presbytery. These in turn are united in a Synodical Society usually covering the women's work of a State. These Synodical Societies report to the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

Synodical Guild Secretaries will be appointed whose duty it shall be to search out churches where no missionary organization of young women already exists, find capable leaders and organize Chapters. They will keep in close touch with the Boards, and report annually to the Synodical Society.

ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS.

A local society of the Westminster Guild is known as a Chapter of the Guild.

Any number of young women may form a Chapter, the enrollment in different localities varying from six to eighty. In order to gain the greatest benefit from the courses of study, an average of from twelve to twenty is recommended.

Any young woman eighteen or over is eligible to membership.

The most successful plan for an organization meeting has been the parlor conference. A home has been opened, invitations sent out and special care taken to secure the attendance of young women fitted to lead in the organization. The meeting is made as attractive, socially, as the hostess desires. At this meeting the purposes of the Guild are thoroughly explained. If possible, a Chapter is formed and the following officers elected:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Two or more Patronesses.

These form the Executive Committee of the Chapter. After these officers are elected the registration blank should be filled out and returned to the synodical Guild Secretary who reports directly to both Home and Foreign Boards. On the receipt of this blank, the new Chapter becomes affiliated with the Guild, is informed in regard to the courses of study, and receives the helps offered by the organization.

GIFTS.

That the aim of the organization, "for world wide service", may be realized, two objects to which gifts may be made are presented to the Chapters. One of these is the work in Ningpo, China, and the other the support of the Presbyterian Hospital in Haines, Alaska. The support of this missionary work is divided into two dollar

shares and each Chapter is asked to assume as many as possible.

All money, properly designated, should be sent by the treasurer of the Chapter to the presbyterial treasurer, that for Home Missions to the Home presbyterial treasurer, and that for Foreign Missions to the Foreign presbyterial treasurer. Addresses of these treasurers will be furnished by the Synodical Guild Secretary, or on application to the correspondent at Headquarters. (see Page 3)

According to the agreement of the Boards each share must be divided equally between the Home and Foreign objects.

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The first meeting of the Administration Committee of the Westminster Guild was held on Monday, Oct. 12th at 10 a.m., Mrs. Tyler presiding. There were twelve present:-- Mrs. Tyler, Boole, Coy, Williamson Yost, Shaw, Moore, Frazier, Miss Lord, Grossem, Rumsey, Ross. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Boole. The following list of representatives of the Home Board on the Committee was then announced.
Miss Content Patterson, Mrs. Luccock, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Yost, Miss Grossem, Mrs. Williamson. This number will be added to from time to time.

The meeting opened with discussion of the work of this Committee. Every question of policy of the Guild is to be submitted to the other five Foreign Boards and the Home Board; questions of details as to the working of these policies, may be decided by this committee and recommended to the other Boards.

Moved and seconded that a complete report of the meetings of this Committee be sent to the Guild representatives on each Board.

In the discussion which followed, it was explained that this would be done as soon after the meeting as possible, so that if any point came up, which was not satisfactory to the Boards, a protest could be sent in before the next meeting: that as this was done to keep all Boards in close touch, criticism on any plan was urged.

Moved and seconded that the present organization of the Westminster Guild Committee be continued, and new members be added to the sub-committees. Carried.

The treasurer, Mrs. John Balcom Shaw, reported the methods of raising money for spreading the organization. As the Guild is educational, a regular fund outside missionary gifts, has been raised in each state, to meet the expenses of the synodical secretary, for travelling, postage &c. One hundred dollars for Illinois, fifty-five for Iowa and smaller sums from the other states have been raised, by writing to women in those states for an individual pledge to this work, where the gift would not interfere with regular missionary funds.

Mrs. Boole asked what plan had been generally adopted in all Boards for meeting these expenses. It was moved and seconded that the matter of raising money necessary to the advancement of the work be presented to the Guild Committee of each Board for consideration and suggestion. Carried.

Subject of certificates for shares was then discussed. It was moved and seconded that a certificate that could be used throughout the entire Guild be presented to the Home and Foreign Boards, and with it be sent a sample letter of instruction such as is used to explain the certificate to the Chapter.

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The discussion brought out the following points,--as the certificate is only a pledge and not a receipt, there was no reason why it should be signed by the Treasurers of the Boards. It was recommended that all certificates be signed by the Treasurer of the Administrative Committee. She should have nothing to do with the money. That should go by the usual channels and to the respective Boards, but when notified that the pledge had been fulfilled, she should sign and return the certificate.

The question was asked, Should not the Home Board and Foreign Board in any certain territory divide the expense of the stationery, as they share in the money received? Under the head of stationery were included:

Postal cards for notification.
Paper and envelopes.
Registration blanks.
Share certificates.

It was decided to refer the matter to the several Boards.

The difficulty of Chapters composed of girls under eighteen years, was presented to the Committee. In the discussion, it was explained that these Chapters are usually organized when reported--no effort is made to reach younger girls, but when they will not accept other forms of organization, the Guild should be adapted to their needs, and a simplified program furnished them. It was moved and seconded that such an adaptation of the Guild to younger girls be explained to the Guild Committees of the other Foreign Boards and of the Home Board. Such Chapters to be known as Westminster Circles, until the majority of members are eighteen years old. Carried.

Mrs. Boole reported that there was no prospect of the Haynes Hospital in Alaska being taken over by the government. She suggested that practical work could be given Chapters asking for it, in furnishing supplies for the Hospital.

It was reported that there are now seven synodical Guild Secretaries in the middle west territory.

Meeting then took up the local business of the Guild.

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Foreign

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Westminister Guild was held on Monday November 23rd. at 10 a. m. Mrs. Tyler presiding. The following members of the Committee were present: Mrs. Coy, Miss Clark, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Moore, Miss Ross, Mrs. Shaw ,Mrs. Luccock, Miss Sarver and Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Shaw, the treasurer gave a detailed report of the contingent fund. She reported on hand about $400, $95 of which belonged to the fund to be used by State Secretaries. It was suggested that the funds for the State Secretaries be very carefully separated from regular missionary gifts and that all the money for this purpose be raised with the consent and co-operation of the Synodical Presidents. Owing to the scarcity of information on mission work among the Moslems, a motion was made to send Mr. Robert E. Speer's leaflet on "Our Work in Moslem Lands" to all Chapters studying "The Moslem World".----Carried.

The question of share certificates was next discussed. The present form of certificates having been approved by a majority of the Boards, it was moved and seconded that this committee order these certificates selling them to each Board, at cost price as they may need them.----Carried.

As some of the Boards felt it would lead to confusion among the Chapters under the different Boards if Mrs. Shaw signed all certificates, it was moved and seconded that the different Boards be asked to register the paid pledges with Mrs. Shaw in order that the entire amount paid in by the Guild in the United States may be exactly known.----Carried.

Mrs. Shaw asked the privilege of writing a letter to the different Boards explaining the certificates and other details in regard to the pledges.

The Committee recommends, that in the appointment of the Synodical Guild Secretaries the Synodical Societies should consult the Guild representative on both the Home and Foreign Boards, and that no such appointment be made without the approval of both. The fact that the Synodical Guild Secretary represents both Boards in her territory makes this imperative.

Miss Prentice's leaflet on Ningpo China was discussed as there are a number of Chapters desiring information in regard to the Ningpo Station; it was moved and seconded that we ask the Leaflet Committee of one of the Boards if they would be willing to publish such information in the form of a leaflet to be purchased by the other Boards as needed.----Carried.

Miss Sarver was asked to send in all information in regard to Ningpo, and Haines Hospital, Alaska.

The question of the Westminister Guild Synodical Secretaries under other Boards was discussed. It was suggested that all Guild Synodical Secretaries register with Mrs. Coy.

Meeting adjourned.

Miss M. L. Lord, Secretary.

Plan of Administration of the Westminster Guild of the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions in the U. S. A.

Adopted in Chicago, February 17, 1909.

1— Name — Westminster Guild Council.

2— Sec. 1. There shall be a Westminster Guild Council composed of one member from each Woman's Foreign Board and six members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, with voting power equal to the Foreign representation.

Sec. 11. All matters of general policy requiring uniformity of action on the part of the Boards shall be submitted by the Chairman to the Westminster Guild Council, who shall decide such general policies by a unanimous vote. Any Board not heard from within six weeks of the date of the sending out of the questions shall be considered as voting in the affirmative.

Sec.111. Every third year the Westminster Guild Council shall meet before March 1st at the headquarters of one of the Boards, and all questions of policy, requiring to be voted on at that time shall be sent by the Chairman two months in advance to the Boards for consideration.

Sec. IV. At this tri-ennial meeting the members representing the various Boards shall elect the Chairman of Westminster Guild Council for the ensuing term, and select the place where the next meeting shall be held.

Sec. V. (a) That the six members of this Westminster Guild Council representing the Foreign Boards shall each year select one Board to prepare the Foreign Study course with programs, helps, etc., for the coming year. (See Page 5. Par. 24)

(b) That to the Woman's Board of Home Missions be delegated the selection of the subjects and the printing of its own study courses.

(c) That the Bible course be prepared by the various Boards in turn. All,these courses to be approved by 3/4 vote of the Westminster Guild Council.

(d) That from the Boards thus preparing the different courses the other Boards shall order the programs, helps, etc., in such quantities as shall be needed by their Chapters.

Sec. VI. That details of the plans outlined and accepted by the Westminster Guild Council shall be administered in the territory of each of the Foreign Boards by its own Westminster Guild Committee and that from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

3. Members of the Presbyterian Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions may attend the meetings of the Westminster Guild Council; they shall not have voting power, nor shall they take part in the discussions unless called upon by the Chairman. For the transaction of business matters the Council may at any time go into executive session.

4. The expenses of the administration of the Westminster Guild Council shall be paid, one-half by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and one-half by the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, who shall divide this one-half equally among themselves. The maximum limit of the expense shall be $100.00

5. The traveling expenses of the representatives of the Foreign Boards attending the Westminster Guild Council conference shall be divided equally among the six Foreign Boards, whether present or not.

6. Beginning with the year 1910 the Chairman shall be elected for a term of three years, no Chairman to serve for two consecutive terms.

7. To the Chairman of the Westminster Guild Council shall be sent from the Woman's Board of Home Missions a duplicate list of all Chapters, giving Church and town.

8. New Chapters should be reported by the Westminster Guild Secretaries of all the Boards to the Chairman of the Westminster Guild Council; also the Westminster Guild Secretaries of the Foreign Boards and the Westminster Guild Secretary of the Woman's Home Board should supply each other with such information.

9. There shall be uniformity in the use of Registration and Report blanks, those in use by the Board of the Northwest, with a few changes, being adopted.

10. The letter-heads of the Westminster Guild shall be — "The Westminster Guild of the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.", and it shall be used by all Westminster Guild Secretaries.

11. A Westminster Guild Secretary shall be named among the Boards' officers given on the third page of the cover of Woman's Work.

12. The Westminster Guild Secretary of each Foreign Board shall furnish suitable items to her correspondent for Woman's Work, that they may have regular information.

13. The point of contact between the Board Secretary and her Chapters should be through the Synodical Westminster Guild Secretaries just as far as possible, the appointment of these Synodical Secretaries being recommended very strongly.

14. A course on Home and Foreign Missions shall be required of the Chapters each year, the use of the Bible Study as a devotional exercise in the Chapter meetings being recommended.

15. Contributing toward the support of Haines Hospital, Alaska, shall be continued.

16. That there shall be a change in the Foreign object supported by the Guild.

17. The Westminster Guild Council shall appoint one of its members each year to prepare and issue information about the Foreign object.

18. The present certificate system (of securing pledges) shall be discontinued, the Committee of the Northwest Board to prepare a simpler form.

19. There shall be a slip printed that may be inserted in the "Aims and Methods" booklet, giving briefly the status of Westminster Guild at the date indicated on the slip.

20. The Chairman shall call a meeting of the Council when in the judgment of four Boards the questions are of sufficient importance to warrant such a meeting.

21. A Westminster Guild pin may be provided for those wishing it.

II— Letter dated April 5, 1910.

22. The payment of missionaries' salaries on the Foreign field shall be adopted as the Foreign Work of the Westminster Guild.

III—Letter dated June 13, 1910.

23. All matters resulting in a tie vote shall be referred back to the Boards.

24. In connection with (a) under Sec. 5. of Administrative Plan, the Chairman shall each year appoint two ~~members~~ other members of the Westminster Guild Council to serve with her as a Committee to suggest the courses of Bible and Foreign Mission Study, and name the Boards to prepare them. The report of such Committee to be submitted to the Council.

25. The Foreign missionaries adopted shall be single women.

26. These missionaries shall be chosen by unanimous vote of the Council from the territories of the Boards in consecutive order, beginning with that Board having the largest numbers of Chapters contributing to Westminster Guild work. If any Board whose turn it becomes to furnish a missionary is not able to suggest one from its own territory especially adapted to interest Westminster Guild Chapters, it shall have the privilege of suggesting who shall be adopted from the territory of one of the other Boards. The aim shall be to have as many different countries represented as possible.

IV— Letter dated September 12, 1910.

27— Preference in selecting Westminster Guild missionaries shall

be given to those on the field, the way being left open for the adoption of new missionaries, when more desirable.

28. The support of the missionaries shall be on the basis of $1000.00 each.

V— This action not reported to the Boards.

29. The plan of making pledges for shares on the blank certificates used by the Northwest Board shall be continued.

VI—Letter dated May 17:

30. The following recommendation shall be made to Synodical Societies: "We recommend to Synodical Societies that the Synodical Westminster Guild Secretary be elected in the same manner as are all other Synodical officers: that a joint recommendation concerning said officer be given the Synodical President or Presidents by the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Foreign Board, whose territory includes said Synod, and that this recommendation be sent to the Nominating Committee of the Synodical Society at least one month before the annual election."

31. That letters from our Foreign Missionaries shall be sent by their respective Committees to all Chapters and Circles three times each year, preferably during the fourth week of September, the fourth week of December, and not later than the middle of March.

32. That each letter shall contain news from all missionaries, if such news is available, but that no letter be kept waiting because of the lack of news from one of the missionaries.

33. That the correspondence with the individual missionaries be carried on by a member of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board appointing said missionary, and shall be edited before being forwarded to the one appointed by the Council to prepare these general letters.

34. Foreign missionaries accepted:— Miss Isabel Mae Ward, Japan; Miss Katherine McCune, Korea; Miss Myrtle Ducret, India.

(signed) Minnie M. Rumsey
Chairman W. G. Council.

N. G. Policies — Feb 17, 1909

The following paragraphs contain the general Policies adopted by the Westminster Guild Council February 17, 1910 to May 17, 1911. (Those affecting the work of only a single year are omitted.)

1— At the conference in Chicago, February 17, 1909;—

1— Name— Westminster Guild Council.

2— Plan of Administration of the Westminster Guild of the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions in the U. S. A.:

Sec. 1— There shall be a Westminster Guild Council composed of one member from each Woman's Foreign Board and six members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, with voting power equal to the Foreign representation.

Sec. 11— All matters of general policy requiring uniformity of action on the part of the Boards shall be submitted by the Chairman to the Westminster Guild Council, who shall decide such general policies by a unanimous vote. Any Board not heard from within six weeks of the date of the sending out of the questions shall be considered as voting in the affirmative.

Sec. 111— Every third year the Westminster Guild Council shall meet before March 1st at the headquarters of one of the Boards, and all questions of policy, requiring to be voted on at that time shall be sent by the Chairman two months in advance to the Boards for consideration.

Sec. 1V— At this tri-ennial meeting the members representing the various Boards shall elect the Chairman of Westminster Guild Council for the ensuing term, and select the place where the next meeting shall be held.

Sec. V— (a) That the six members of this Westminster Guild Council representing the Foreign Boards shall each year select one Board to prepare the Foreign study course with programs, helps, etc., for the coming year. (See page 5 Par. 24)

(b) That to the Woman's Board of Home Missions be delegated the selection of the subjects and the printing of its own study courses.

(c) That the Bible course be prepared by the various Boards in turn. All these courses to be approved by a 3/4 vote of the Westminster Guild Council.

(d) That from the Boards thus preparing the different courses the other Boards shall order the programs, helps, etc., in such quantities as shall be needed by their Chapters.

Sec. Vl— That details of the plans outlined and accepted by the Westminster Guild Council shall be administered in the territory of each of the Foreign Boards by its own Westminster Guild Committee and that from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

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Mrs.Ella A.Boole,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York,N.Y.

My dear Mrs.Boole:-

At the meeting of the Board of the Northwest today,the Westminster Guild Committee recommended the following reply to be sent to the questions in your letter of March 2nd,addressed to Mrs.W.G.Craig. The recommendation was accepted and the Committee requested to forward the same to you,in the name of the Board of the Northwest.

(1) To the question:-Shall the present Administrative Committee, constituted as recommendednfor last year,be continued? - we recommend that the answer be "No",as it has not been entirely satisfactory to the Committee or to the Boards.

(2) To the porposition that all "matters of general policy * * * * * * be submitted for approval through the Secretary of Central Committee of the Foreign Boards and the Committee of the -Woman's Board of Home Missions", we recommend that the answer be "No",as we feel that all such questions must be decided by those intimately and actively acquainted with the work.

This recommendation having been accepted by the Board,the Committee then outlined the following plan for the administration of Westminster Guild, a modification of our original one,due to letters received from the Philadelphia Society,the Southwest Board and the North Pacific Board. The plan as herewith presented,was approved by the Board of the Northwest,and the Committee instructed to send it to the five Foreign Boards and the Board of Home Missions for approval and adoption. This plan provides:-

(1) That the Westminster Guild Administrative Committee be composed of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest and the Committee of Five (or any other number) in New York,appointed by the Woman's Board

of Home Missions, and that one member of the Committee in Chicago be appointed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions to correspond with and represent its Committee in New York. This member may be one already on the Committee or one especially appointed by the Home Board.

(2) That there shall be one Secretary on each Foreign Board who shall correspond with this Adminstrative Committee inn Chicago on the business of the Guild.

(3) That to this Administrative Committee shall be delegated the selection and printing of the Foreign study course, and of the Bible course each alternate year, and all other supplies, and to the Home Committee the selection and printing of its own course and the Bible course every other year.

(4) That all other matters of general policy be settled by a majority vote of the Boards, the Home Board having equal voting power. with what?

(5) That the Administrative Committee have a complete file of Chapters and Synodical Secretaries of the whole country.

(6) That to this Administrative Committee shall be sent a quarterly report by each Board, of the work accomplished.

(8) That, when possible, an annual conference shall be held of the Westminster Guild representatives of all the Boards. (The difficulties and misunderstandings encountered during the past year make such a conference seem almost indispensable)

(9) That this plan of administration hold for the next four years. (This suggestion came from the Philadelphia Society).

Hoping that this plan may meet with your approval, I am,

Very truly yours,

Minnie May Ramsey

Cor.Sec'y Westminster Guild Committee.

(7) That monthly reports of the work of the Administrative Committee be sent to each Board.

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WESTMINSTER GUILD PROGRAM, ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST, MILWAUKEE, WIS., APRIL 26 - 29, 1909.

Monday, 8 P.M:- Conference of evening Chapters of Milwaukee with Committee and Secretaries.

Tuesday, 10 A.M:-Conference of Synodical Secretaries with Committee and representatives of Home Board.

- Program -

Mrs. Coy presiding.

Prayer-----
Address---------- Dr. W.H.W.Boyle
Hymn--------
Organization of a model Chapter ---- Miss McCord
(Committee to be the Chapter)
How to raise the money---------- Miss Adams
How to select and instruct a leader-- Miss Fuller
How to present the practical and social side---------- Miss DeNise
Discussion of each topic at time of presentation. Miss Petrie will be present to answer all questions about the Home side of the work, and to speak of the program for next year.

Tuesday, 12 M:-Reception and registration of delegates, Immanuel Church
1 P.M;-Luncheon
2 P.M:-Annual Conference of Westminster Guild in our territory

- Program -

Mrs. Tyler presiding.

Greeting and devotional service-------Mrs. Tyler
Address------ ---------- ------- Mrs. A.L.Berry
Solo---------- Miss Mary Lyman Young

The young woman of today: Personal responsibility, and personal consecration to the work it involves-- Dr. W.H.W.Boyle
Solo ---------- Miss Young
Haines Hospital and the Home Field--- Miss Petrie

The Treasury---------- Mrs. Shaw
What the Guild is doing---------- Mrs. Coy
Conference Hour---------- Mrs. Coy presiding

Wednesday, 3:20 P.M:-Westminster Guild Hour, Annual Meeting of the Board of the Northwest.

- Program -

Mrs. Tyler presiding.

Introduction---------- Mrs. Tyler
Report - Guild Statistics------ Mrs. Coy
Treasurer's Report---------- Mrs. Shaw
Program for next year---------- Miss Clark
Circles---------- Miss Rumsey
Greetings from Synodical Secretaries.

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December 3, 1909.

At the conference held in Chicago on May 15, 1908 to consider a PLAN FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE WESTMINSTER GUILD, the following motion was carried:- That we recommend that Miss Rumsey, present Chairman of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest, shall act as Chairman of the Westminster Guild Central Committee, until such time as this Committee shall elect its own Chairman.

Since no Board has refused to accept this motion, it becomes the duty of the Chairman of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest to call a meeting of the Westminster Guild Central Committee, appointed according to Sec. II of the aforesaid PLAN. Therefore, in complying with the requirements of Sec. IV, it is the pleasure of our Committee to invite the members of the Westminster Guild Central Committee to meet at the headquarters of the Board of the Northwest, in Chicago, on Thursday, Feb. 17, 1910, for the consideration of such business as may be presented at that time.

The Board of the Northwest suggests that the travelling expenses of the delegates be divided pro rata among the Boards represented.

While such a meeting may not seem of serious importance to the Boards at the greatest distance, to us it seems essential to the growth and progress of the work. Another such meeting may not be necessary for two or three years, provided we can meet now and settle certain questions of general policy and methods of proceedure which will henceforth govern the action of the Boards represented in the Westminster Guild movement.

Some of the questions requiring considerstion at this time are:-

1 The necessity for future meetings of Westminster Guild Central Committee. Two or three -

2 The name by which this Committee shall be permanently designated. General Executive.

3 The Chairmanship of the Committee for the ensuing year. From N. W. Bd -?

4- The courses of study to be offered for the ensuing year. P. R + Cuba. (Pub. Com)

5 By which Boards the Bible and Foreign Programs shall be prepared. Take our turn

6 A definite understanding regarding the objects supported, and the amounts required if Westminster Guild is to assume the entire support of both.

7 The advisability of a bi-ennial national conference of Westminster Guild Chapter Members. no

8 The necessity for a new edition of the booklet, "Aims and Methods", no and any changes that should be made in it.

9 A National Directory of Westminster Guild Chapters. — no

10- The relation of Westminster Guild to the Y.W.C.A. and Student Volunteer Movement, and their conferences. Later discussion suis Possible

11- How each Westminster Guild Committee can best serve its Board in the educating of Presbyterian young women in its methods, purposes, and accomplishments. General discussion

12- How shall the expenses (postage, etc.) incidental to the Chairmanship of Westminster Guild Central Committee, be met? How much?

These are some of the questions which have presented themselves to our Committee, and doubtless other Committees will have different ones, just as important.

According to Sec. IV, the questions to be considered must be sent out by January 17; therefore, any Board not heard from by January 10, will, according to Sec. III., be considered as voting in the affirmative for the calling of this first meeting of the Westminster Guild Central Committee at the ~~Mx~~ Headquarters of the Board of the Northwest, on February 17, 1910. Any questions tp be included in those sent to the Boards for consideration, must also be in the hands of the Chairman of Westminster Guild Central Committee by January 10.

Aside from the discussion of such questions, the various phases of ~~xhx~~ the work, with suggested methods, will be presented by members of Westminster Guild Central Committee, who shall be asked to prepare for such presentation.

In reply to this letter, will you kindly state who will be the accredited representative of your Board at this meeting.

(Signed) Minnie M. Rumsey, Chairman.

SECTIONS REFERRED TO.

~~Sec. II.~~ I. That there be a Westminster Guild ~~Central Committee~~ Council, composed of one (1) member from each Foreign Board, and six (6) members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, with voting power equal to the Foreign representation.

~~Sec. III.~~ II. That matters of general policy, requiring uniformity of action on the part of the Boards, shall be submitted to this Westminster Guild ~~Central Committee~~ Council, who shall decide such general policies by a unanimous vote. Any Board not heard from will be considered as voting in affirmative. within six weeks

~~Sec. IV.~~ III. That the Westminster Guild ~~Central Committee~~ Council shall meet before March 1st. of each year, at the headquarters of one of the Boards, and every 3 yrs that all questions of policy, requiring to be voted on at that time shall be sent one month in advance to the Boards for consideration.

~~Sec. V.~~ Motion (Moved by Mrs. Boole) That we recommend that Miss Rumsey, present ~~xx~~ Chairman of Westminster Guild Central Committee of the Board of the Northwest, shall act as Chairman of the Westminster Guild Central Committee, until ~~xhxx~~ such time as this Committee shall itself appoint its chairman.

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The Westminster Guild Administrative Committee, appointed from the Board of the Northwest with representatives appointed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, for the year ending June 1st., 1909, after a conference with representatives of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, presents to the six Foreign Boards and to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, for ratification, the following plan for administration of Westminster Guild, said plan to hold until such time as the Westminster Guild Central Committee, herein described, shall be discharged by the Boards appointing its members.

This conference was held at Room 48, Ohio Building, Chicago, on Saturday, May 15th, due notice of such meeting having been sent to the six Foreign Boards by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Those present were:- From the Woman's Board of Home Missions, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Boole, Miss Petrie; from the Board of the Northwest, Mrs. Coy, Mrs. W. H. Forsyth, Miss Halsey; of the Westminster Guild Administrative Committee, Miss Rumsey, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Sarver, Miss Ross, Mrs. Moore, Miss Clark, Mrs. Holmes Forsyth, Miss Haven, Miss Lord, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Luccock, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Frazier. Letters were presented from the New York, Philadelphia, and Southwest Boards.

The purpose of this Conference was to consider the plans for administration of the Guild, presented by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and the Board of the Northwest. Inasmuch as the former outlined a plan closely resembling that first sent out by the Board of the Northwest, and its details had been carefully worked out by the Westminster Guild Committee of the New York Board, the second plan, suggested by the Board of the Northwest, was dropped, and the discussion centered upon the sections as outlined by the New York Board. The discussion was thorough, and resulted in the accepting and adopting of the following-

PLAN FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE WESTMINSTER GUILD.

(Abbreviations are used for the sake of brevity)

Sec. 1. That a committee of 5, or more, be appointed by each F. Board to co-operate with a committee of 5 from the W.B. of H.M., in the administration of the W.G. work in the territory of each of the F. Boards.

Sec. 11. That there be a Westminster Guild Central Committee, composed of one (1) member from each F.Board, and two (2) members from the W.B. of H.M., with voting power equal to the Foreign representation.

Sec. 111. That matters of general policy, requiring uniformity of action on the part of the Boards, shall be submitted to this W.G.C.C., who shall decide such general policies by a unimous vote. Any Board not heard from will be considered as voting in the affirmative.

Sec. IV. That the W. G. Cen. Com. shall meet before March 1st. of each year, at the headquarters of one of the Boards, and that all questions of policy to be voted on at that time shall be sent one month in advance to the Boards for consideration.

Sec. V. That at this Annual Meeting, the members, representing the various Boards, shall elect the chairman of this W. G. Cen. Com. for the ensuing year, and select the place where its next meeting shall be held.

Sec. VI. (a) That the six members of this W. G. Cen. Com., representing the F. Boards shall each year select one Board to prepare the Foreign Study Course, with program, helps, etc., for the coming year, the subject for that study course to be submitted to the W. G. Cen. Com. for approval.

(b) That to the W. B. of H. M. be delegated the selection of the subjects (such subjects to be approved by the W. G. Cen. Com.) and the printing of its own study courses;

(c) That the Bible course be prepared by the various Boards in turn.

(d) That from the Boards thus preparing the different courses, the other Boards shall order the Programs, Helps, etc., in such quantities as shall be needed by their Chapters.

Sec. VII. That the details of the plans outlined and accepted by the W. G. Cen. Com. be administered in the territory of each F. Board by its own W. G. Com. and the corresponding Com. from the W. B. of H. M.

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After the foregoing had been acted upon, the following motions were made, seconded and carried:-

1- (Moved by Mrs. Tyler) That the Philadelphia Society be asked to prepare the Bible Program for the year 1909-1910.

2- (Moved by Mrs. Boole) That, as the W. G. Cen. Com. has not yet been organized, the W. G. Com. of the B. of N. W. be asked to prepare the Foreign Program for 1909-1910.

3- (Moved by Miss Sarver) That the time and place of meeting of the W. G. Cen. Com. for 1909-1910 be settled by correspondance with the various Boards.

4- (Moved by Mrs. Tyler) That we recommend to Synodical Presidents that an hour be set aside for the presentation of W. G. at the annual Synodical meetings; and that where the number of Chapterswarrant, it be suggested to the W. G. Syn'l Sec'ys that conferences be arranged to be held annually, preferably in connection with the Synodical meetings. That each Board in its own territory, shall suggest to the Synodical Societies that a W. G. conference hour be held at the Synodical meetings.

5- (Moved by Mrs. Boole) That we recommend that Miss Rumsey, present Chairman of W. G. Com. of B. of N. W., shall act as Chairman of the W. G. Cen. Com., until such time as this Committee shall itself appoint its Chairman.

(The following matters were also considered at the Conference, but as they concern chiefly the the relation of the W.G.Com. of the B. of the N.W. to the W. B. of H.M., they are not to be included in the report sent to the other F. Boards)

Mrs. Shaw, Treasurer of the W.G.Ad.Com. presented the problem of meeting the expenses of the Syn'l Sec'ys. She reported that last year $250.00 had been raised by correspondence, but that this plan was not advisable for another year. She also reported that there were now nine Syn'l Sec'ys ready to travel and give their services for Westminster Guild. Also that the B. of the N.W. has consented to allow a sum not to exceed $500.00 a year to meet the expenses (travelling, postage, and stationery) in its territory, provided the W.B. of H.M. will allow an equal amount.

A discussion followed MrS. Shaw's report, and the representatives of the W. B. of H.M. agreed to present this request to their Board, and report to the W.G. Com. of the B. of the N.W. Mrs. Boole suggested that the amount asked from the W.B. of H.M. be limited to $250.00 for the present, until the larger sum seems justified by the contributions to Haines' Hospital from the W.G. Chapters.

The question of the distribution of the Home Mission study course literature in the territory of the B. of the N.W. was discussed. Mrs. Tyler asked that the W.G.Com. of the B. of the N.W. be allowed to continue its present relation to the B. of H.M., and under the direction of the W.B. of H.M. through its W.G.Com., to adminster the local affairs of the Guild (including the distribution of literature) in the territory of the N.W. Board, thus sustaining the same relation to the W.B. of H.M. as it does to the B. of the N.W. This question is to be presented to the W.B. of H.M., and the decision reported to the W.G. Com. of B. of N.W.

Miss Clark presented the question of mite boxes, but as there seemed no immediate and large demand for them, and it is known that the same design can be secured from another denomination, it was moved, seconded, and carried that when orders came in for mite boxes, we should secure them from the other Boards already using them, the W.G. imprint to be placed on them in any way deemed advisable.

Mrs. Tyler presented a bill of $65.00 for postage and stationery used by the W.G.AD.Com,, one half of which is to be paid by the W.B. of H.M.

Mrs. Boole spoke of a bill for Home Study literature which, through some mistake or misunderstanding, had never been paid, as a bill, altho the money for at least a part of the literature indicated had been paid in on some other account. To avoid any further complications, the representatives of the W.B. of H.M. proposed to remit the bill. The W.G.Com. expressed its grateful appreciation of this action on the part of the W.B. of N.M.

The conference adjourned at three P.M.

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WESTMINSTER GUILD CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE.

To the letter sent out Dec. 3, 1909, regarding the meeting of the Westminster Guild Central Committee, in Chicago, on February 17, 1910, the Boards have replied as follows:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions - Approval - Two Delegates (Probably) Miss Petrie, Mrs. Bennett

New York Board - - - - - - - - - - - - Approval - Miss Arietta Prentice

Philadelphia Society - - - - - - - - - Approval - Miss Margaret Hodge.

Southwest Board - - - - - - - - - - - - Approval - Mrs. C. H. Pringle.

Occidental Board - - - - - - - - - - - Approval - No delegate appointed.

North Pacific Board- - - - - - - - - - Approval - Mrs. W. A. Roberts, an Alternate.

As this meeting is merely a conference, and all matters are to be carried back to the Boards for ratification, it is expected that the Boards will thoroughly discuss the following questions, before sending their delegates, but will not vote on them. It is the hope that the vote of the delegates as individuals will be unanimous on all recommendations to be referred to the Boards. The great aim in the minds of the Committee, inviting this Conference, is harmony and uniformity of method and practice, that the Chapters under the different Boards, while loyal always to their Boards, may at the same time realize and appreciate the fact that they are part of a national movement with world wide interests.

Except as indicated on Page 3

QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE WESTMINSTER GUILD CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

(1) The necessity for future meetings of this Westminster Guild ~~Central Committee.~~ Council -

(6) A definite understanding regarding the objects supported, and the amounts required if Westminster Guild is to assume the entire support of both. NOTE: Northwest Board W.G.Com. suggests a change in the Foreign Object, substituting either a new station, a new work, or missionaries, as many in as many different countries as our increasing funds make possible.

$3000. for Home

(7) The advisability of biennial National Conference of Westminster Guild Chapter members.

(9) A National Directory of Westminster Guild Chapters.

(10) The relation of Westminster Guild to the Y.W.C.A. and the Student Volunteer Movement, and their Conferences.
NOTE: Miss Hodge, who attended the Student Volunteer Convention, and the Conference of their Women Secretaries with the representatives of the Women's Missionary Boards, will be asked to present this subject.

(11) How each Westminster Guild Committee can best serve its own Board in the educating of Presbyterian young women in its methods, purposes and accomplishments.

(13) Which Board's Committee shall be responsible for securing and issuing information about the Foreign Object?

(14) Can some arrangement be made by which Westminster Guild shall be recognized as one of the Church Organizations for young women in Woman's Work as it is in the Home Mission Monthly?

(15) What shall be the relationship between the individual, Home or Foreign, Board Secretary of Westminster Guild and her Chapters? Are there any limitations to be placed upon this personal contact between Board Secretary and Chapter?

(16) Shall a simple, inexpensive pamphlet, containing the Annual Report of the National Westminster Guild work be published?
NOTE: The Northwest Board Committee, out of the last two years' experience, feel that much is to be said in favor of such a printed report.

(17) Is not uniformity desirable in the following matters:-
A - In the naming of a Westminster Guild Secretary among the Boards' officers on the last page of Woman's Work,
B - In Report Blanks, whether sent by the Home or Foreign Board Secretaries?
C - The use of Westminster Guild letter-head paper by every Board Secretary, whether Home or Foreign, sending communications to her Chapters, - that the Chapters may realize that they are not Foreign Mission Study Classes nor Home Mission Study Classes, but Westminster Guild Chapters, both Home and Foreign?

(18) What is required of a Chapter in order to belong to the National organization, any study? One course, or all? Any contribution?
NOTE:- The Northwest Board Com. suggest that not more than two ever be required, the Chairman of the Program Committee having very good reasons and a combination plan, which she will state at the Conference, by request of the Chairman.

(19) Are any changes desirable in the PLAN FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE WESTMINSTER GUILD sent to the Boards and approved by them last June?

(20) Shall the traveling expenses of the delegates from the Foreign Boards, attending this Conference, be divided pro rata among the Foreign Boards represented, and those of the delegates from the Woman's Board of Home Missions be borne by their own Board?
NOTE:- This question is in accordance with the Northwest Board's Committee's understanding of a suggestion in a letter from Miss Petrie.

(21) May any member of any Westminster Guild Committee, who so desires, attend the conferences of Westminster Guild Central Committee, without voting power, but with the privilege of entering into the discussion, if called upon by the Chairman, or any of the other delegates? May the members of the Board within whose territory the Conference is being held, be invited to attend on the same footing?
NOTE:- Questions prompted by the knowledge of the great benefit to be derived by any members so attending, and thus becoming familiar with the larger work as it will be discussed at these Conferences. An answer to this question is desired by the Chairman, before the meeting on February 17th.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DELEGATES BE GIVEN POWER TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

(2) The name by which this Committee shall be permanently designated.
NOTE:- There has been some well founded objection to the use of Central Committee, as it resulted in confusion. New York Board W.G.Com. has suggested "Westminster Guild Council".

(3) The Chairmanship of the Committee for the ensuing year.

(4) The courses of study to be offered for the ensuing year.
NOTE:- One suggestion has been received - Biographical Course on Great Missionaries of all Denominations.

(5) By which Board the Bible and Foreign Programs shall be prepared.
NOTE:- Questions 4 and 5 should be considered after Question 15, P. 3

(8) The necessity for a new edition of the booklet, "Aims and Methods", and any changes that should be made in it.
NOTE:- The present edition is exhausted, - what changes shall be made before reprinting? It is requested that the Boards consider this most carefully, as the new edition should be printed at once.

(12) How shall the expenses incidental to the Chairmanship of Westminster Gould Central Committee be met.
NOTE:- Question asked by Woman's Board of Home Missions as to possible items and amount of such expenses. Reply, stenography and typewriting, + postage incidental to sending out preliminary letters regarding the Conferences, reports of proceedings at such Conferences, and of final action of Boards on such reports, - $24.00 given as a conservative estimate of amount.

Since this is a conferring and not a determining body, other questions not herein mentioned may be presented for its discussion as time permits.

The meeting of the Conference will be called to order promptly at ten o'clock, Thursday morning, February 17, 1910, at Assembly Hall, 528 Wabash Ave., and will continue into the afternoon, with such intermission at noontime as may be voted by the delegates. The delegates are invited to remain over Friday and attend the Executive Session of the Board of the Northwest.

Before the discussion of the foregoing questions, reports will be called from each Secretary, (1) as to the number of Chapters; (2) as to the number of members enrolled; (3) as to the amount of money contributed during the last twelve months; (4) as to the expected increase during the next year.

In the discussion, each delegate will be called upon to express her opinion and in each case, the recommendation to be presented to the respective Boards for adoption, will be voted upon.

Delegates are requested to send definite information to the Chairman regarding their expected arrival in Chicago. The members of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest take pleasure in considering the delegates as their guests, nd will be ready to render every service possible, during their stay in Chicago.

Minnie M. Ramsey
Chairman

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NATIONAL WESTMINSTER GUILD.

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The affairs of the National Westminster Guild are administered by the Westminster Guild Council, composed of the representatives of Westminster Guild Committees on the six Women's Boards of Foreign Missions and six representatives from the ~~national~~ Woman's Board of Home Missions.

At the meeting of the Council in Chicago, Feb. 17, 1910, Miss Rumsey, of the Board of the Northwest, was elected chairman for the next three years, and the following reports of the work accomplished during the past year were given:-

~~Under "FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS" -~~

THE WESTMINSTER GUILD SYNODICAL SECRETARIES. These secretaries will be appointed whose duties shall be to search out churches where no missionary organization of young women already exists, find capable leaders and organize Chapters; etc.

It is recommended that the contact between the Boards and the Chapters be through these W.G. Synodical Secretaries as far as possible.

Miss Prentice prefers old book. · Although W.G. is not organized presbyterially, it is the purpose of the organization always to work in harmony with presbyterial officers.

Under "COURSES OF STUDY" -

For each course a program will be especially prepared, presenting the study in the form of six lessons. The programs on the foreign topic and on the Bible may be obtained from the Foreign Board within whose district the Chapter is located. For the program on the Home topic the Chapters should send to the W.B. of H.M. in New York (see exception under North Pacific Board p.3) ~~It is understood that the order in which the two required courses are studied shall alternate each year. Thus, one year the study on the foreign topic will be offered first, and the next year that~~

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on the Home topic. These especially prepared programs based on the selected text-books will contain, etc. ; . . . These helps and information of all other kinds regarding the Guild can be obtained from the Westminster Guild Secretaries. A small charge, covering the cost of printing and postage, will be made for programs and other literature ordered.

Under "GIFTS" -

That the aim of the organization, "for world-wide service", may be realized, two objects are presented for whose support the Chapters are asked to contribute.. . .

All money should be divided by the Treasurer of the Chapter and sent by her to her Presbyterial Treasurers, the half for Home Missions to the Home Presbyterial Treasurer, and the half for Foreign Missions to the Foreign Presbyterial Treasurer. The name of the Chapter should be carefully designated, and the contribution specified as Westminster Guild funds. Address of these treasurers, etc.

CONSTITUTION.

Art.VII. Three Courses of study are recommended: one on Foreign Missions, one on Home Missions and one on the Bible. The two former shall be studied each year.

Art.VIII. The annual report of the Chapter shall be sent before ~~Feb. 20th~~ March 1st - to the Westminster Guild Synodical Secretary.

At the conference held in Chicago on May 15th, to consider a PLAN FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE WESTMINSTER GUILD, the following motion was carried:

That we recommend that Miss Dumsey, present Chairman of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest, shall act as chairman of the Westminster Guild Central Committee, until such time as this Committee shall elect its own Chairman.

Since no Board has refused to accept this motion, it becomes the duty of the Chairman of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest to call a meeting of the Westminster Guild Central Committee, appointed according to Section II of the aforesaid PLAN. Therefore, in complying with the requirements of Sec. IV, it is the pleasure of our Committee to invite the members of the Westminster Guild Central Committee to meet at the headquarters of the Board of the Northwest, in Chicago, on Thursday, February 17, 1910, for the consideration of such business as may be presented at that time.

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Some the questions requiring consideration at this time are:

1 The necessity for future meetings of Westminster Guild Central Committee.
2 The name by which this Committee shall be permanently designated.
3 The Chairmanship of the Committee for the ensuing year.
4 The course of study to be offered for the ensuing year.
5 By which Boards the Bible and Foreign Programs shall be prepared
6 A definite understanding regarding the objects supported, and the amounts required if Westminster Guild is to assume the entire support of both.
7 The advisability of a bi-annual national conference of Westminster Guild Chapter members.
8 The necessity for a new edition of the booklet, "Aims and Methods", and any changes that should be made in it.
9 A National Directory of Westminster Guild Chapters
10 The relation of Westminster Guild to the Y. W. C. A., and Student Volunteer Movement, and their conferences
11 How each Westminster Guild Committee can best serve its Board in the educating of Presbyterian young women in its methods, purposes, and accomplishments.
12 How shall the expenses (postage, etc.) incidental to the Chairmanship of Westminster Guild Central Committee, be met.

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REPORT OF BOARDS' ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE MEETING OF WESTMINSTER GUILD COUNCIL, FEB. 17, 1910.

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PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY-

Approval of all recommendations. Acceptance of missionaries' salaries as work on the foreign field.

BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST-

Approval of all recommendations, with the exception of the wording the paragraph regarding "Courses of Study". (Through the combined oversight of the stenographer and the editing committee, this wording was not included in the minutes of the Conference. The seriousness of this omission was not realized until the final discussion of the statement to be made in the new edition of "Aims and Methods", concerning requirements for membership.) After full and most careful consideration of the wording accepted by the Council, viz.: "Three courses of study are recommended, one on Foreign Missions, one on Home Missions and one on the Bible. The two former shall be studied each year", the Board of the Northwest feels that the idea embodied in the recommendation sent to the Council "that a course in Home and Foreign Missions shall be studied each year" is not expressed with sufficient clearness in the wording accepted at the Council meeting, and would suggest the following:- "The Chapters shall study Home and Foreign Missions each year. In order to assist in this study, three courses are prepared by the Guild, one on Foreign Missions, one on Home Missions, and one on the Bible. These courses are recommended".

In making this suggestion, the Board of the Northwest desires that it be clearly understood that it agrees perfectly with the Council in the requiring of the study of Home and Foreign

Missions each year, and believes that the wording herein suggested is not contrary to the wording accepted by the Council, but simply a more definite statement of the same thought; that is,- that it is not the study of the two full courses as prepared by the Guild that is required each year, but the study of Home and Foreign Missions, in which study use of the programs is strongly recommended.

In case this suggested wording meets with the approval of the Council, the paragraph in "Aims and Methods", headed "Courses of Study" will read: "The Chapters shall study Home and Foreign Missions each year. In order to assist in this study, three courses are prepared by the Guild, one on Foreign Missions, one on Home Missions, and one on the Bible. These courses are recommended. Each course will consist of six lessons, and every Chapter is requested to take the three courses if possible. The order of the study of Home and Foreign Missions shall alternate each year. The use of the Bible Course in the devotional exercises is recommended".

In the Constitution Article VII will read: "The Chapters shall study Home and Foreign Missions each year. In order to assist in this study, three courses are prepared by the Guild, one on Foreign Missions, one on Home Missions and one on the Bible. These courses are recommended."

Acceptance of missionaries' salaries as work on the Foreign field.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, NEW YORK-

Approval of all recommendations. Acceptance of

missionaries' salaries as work on the Foreign field.

BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST-

Approval of all recommendations. Acceptance of missionaries' salaries as the work on the Foreign field. Expresses preference for married couple.

OCCIDENTAL BOARD-

Approval of the action taken by the Council in general. Feels that all communication should be between the officers of the Council and the Chapters rather than between the officers of either Board and the Chapters; also that in order for a Chapter to belong to the National organization the contribution of one $2.00 share should not be compulsory. Acceptance of missionaries' salaries as work on the Foreign field. (NOTE:- As the Occidental Board does not express disapproval of the revised "Plan for Administration of National Westminster Guild", contained in the minutes, which makes such method of communication impossible, this can hardly be considered as a dissenting vote. On the other hand, the recommendation requiring one $2.00 share is lost, the Occidental Board voting against it.-Chairman.)

NORTH PACIFIC BOARD-

Approval of all recommendations. Acceptance of missionaries' salaries as work on Foreign field. Expresses preference for single women.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS-

No action reported yet.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WESTMINSTER GUILD CENTRAL COMMITTEE,
HELD IN CHICAGO, FEB. 17th, 1910

Sessions:- 10 A. M. to 12:45 P. M.
2 P. M. to 5:45 P. M.
8:15 P. M. to 10:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order at 10 A. M. by the Chairman. Those present were:- Miss Rumsey, Chairman.

Representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions:-
Mrs. Bennett, Miss Petrie, Mrs. Waid, Mrs. Kreager.

Representing the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, in New York, Miss Prentice.

Representing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in Philadelphia: Miss Hodge.

Representing the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest, in St. Louis: Mrs. Pringle.
Representing the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, in Chicago: Mrs. Coy.

Note:- Since in the understanding of the Woman's Board of Home Missions Miss Rumsey, as Chairman of the Council was not entitled to a vote, the Westminster Guild Committee of that Board advised that a representative of the Board of the Northwest be appointed. Mrs. Coy was therefore the appointed representative. Such action not having been communicated to the representatives of the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, and a misapprehension having thereby arisen, it was voted later that all actions of the present session be made regular.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Bennett.

Letters which had been received from Mrs. Roberts, of the North Pacific Board, and Miss Ryder, of the Occidental Board, who were absent, were presented, and their recommendations regarding the matters under discussion were considered in each case.

Mrs. Bennett moved that the votes be four and four according to representation of each Board, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Chairman then called for the reports of the various Boards.

Mrs. Coy, of the Northwest Board reported:

Number of Chapters enrolled to date	182
Increase since April, 1909	18
Chapters making pledges, or sending money without pledges	125
Shares pledged	1519
Increase over last year	403
Money paid by Chapters for Home Missions	$631.75
" " " " " Foreign Missions	[illegible]
Total money received from Chapters	1561.00

Mrs. Pringle, of the Southwest Board, reported:

Number of Chapters	31
Number of members enrolled, (about)	[illegible]

Money contributed in 9 months of fiscal year ------- $101.00
Outlook very encouraging.

Miss Florence A. Ryder, of the Occidental Board, reported:
Number of Chapters ---------- 6 y
Number of members enrolled ---------- 153
Amount of money contributed last twelve months -------
(not contributing to Westminster Guild work, but are contributing to Missions and other philanthropic work.)
Expected increase during the year ----------
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Mrs. W. A. Roberts, of the North Pacific Board, reported:
Number of Chapters ---------- 23
Number of members ---------- [redacted] 429
Amount of money raised since October 1st, 1909 ---------- $188.00
The outlook is very encouraging as to interest in the work.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge, of the Philadelphia Society, reported:
Number of Chapters ---------- 24
Number of members enrolled ----------
Money contributed from April 1st, 1909 to February 15th, 1910, (which means that the greater part of their gifts are yet to come ---------- $54.00

Miss Prentice, of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, in New York, reported:
Number of Chapters ---------- 9
(only 5 reported and it is difficult to make a report.)
These 5 report ---------- 68 members.
Money contributed by the five Chapters ---------- $200.00
(which will compare favorably with the past year for whimh the total subscriptions amounted to $200.00.

Miss Petrie, reported as follows, regarding the Chapters registered with the Woman's Board of Home Missions, from all the ~~territoryx~~ territories of the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions:

Number of Chapters ---------- 248
Number of Circles ---------- 17
Received to Feb. 15th, from Westminster Guild, for all objects ---------- $1537.56

Report according to different territories of the Women's Foreign Boards:

Northwest Board:
Chapters ---------- 172
Circles ---------- 15
Unpaid pledges ---------- 141 shares from Chapters.
6 shares from Circles.

Southwest Board:
Chapters ---------- 22
Circles ---------- 1

Philadelphia Society:
Chapters ---------- 24

North Pacific Board:

Chapters ---------- 15
Unpaid shares ---------- 10
Junior Westminster Guild ---------- 1

Woman's Foreign Board of New York:
Chapters ---------- 9
Unpaid shares ---------- 10

Occidental Board:
Chapters ---------- 6

The list of questions sent previously to the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, then became the order ~~fxx~~ of the day.

The question of a permanent name for this body was first presented for discussion.

Miss Prentice suggested that the name of Westminster Guild Central Committee be changed to that of "Westminster Guild Council".

Upon motion of Mrs. Coy, the change was made, and "Westminster Guild Council", selected as a permanent name for this body.

The question of the Chairmanship of the Council for the ensuing year was then presented. Miss Prentice moved that Miss Rumsey be retained as Chairman, but after discussion it was shown that this question was involved in the one concerning "The necessity for future meetings of Westminster Guild Council", and that both could be better decided at the conclusion of the meeting, when the subject of the time that should elapse between meetings could be more intelligently discussed.

Miss Prentice withdrew her motion.

The Chairman then asked for a motion on the question "How shall the expenses incidental to the Chairmanship of Westminster Guild Council be met?"

Mrs. Waid moved that the expenses of the administration of the Westminster Guild Council shall be paid, one-half by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and one-half by the Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, who shall divide this one-half equally among themselves.

Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Bennett moved that the maximum limit of expense be $100.00.

Motion seconded and carried.

The Chairman then asked for a motion on this question:

"Shall the traveling expenses of the delegates from the Women's Foreign Boards, attending this conference, be divided equally among the Foreign Boards represented.

Miss Hodge moved that the traveling expenses of the representatives of the Foreign Boards attending the Westminster Guild Council conference be divided equally among the six Foreign Boards, whether present or not.

Motion seconded and carried.

The Chairman then called for action on the question:
"May any member of any Westminster Guild Committee, who so desires, attend the conferences of Westminster Guild Council, without voting power, but with the privilege of entering into the discussion, if called upon by the Chairman, or any of the other delegates? May the members of the Board within whose territory the Conference is being held, be invited to attend on the same footing?"

Mrs. Bennett moved that members of the Presbyterian Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions may attend the meetings of the Westminster Guild Councilxxxx; they shall not have voting power, nor shall they take part in discussion unless called upon by the Chairman. For the transaction of business matters the Council may at any time go into executive session.

Motion seconded and carried.

The discussion of the question regarding the courses of study to be offered for the ensuing year was then suggested by the Chairman.

Miss Petrie reported for the Woman's Board of Home Missions, that their course was to be the study of the book by Dr. Grose on Cuba and Porto Rico, entitled, "Advance in the Antilles". This report was accepted.

Regarding the Foreign course, the Chairman presented for discussion letters from Dr. Sailer and Mr. Millikin, of New York, suggesting a book on the Laos, by Dr. Freeman, and one on "The Bible as a Missionary Book" by Dr. McKenzie. Through the kindness of Dr. Sailer and Mr. Millikin, a manuscript copy of the first, and a few chapters, in manuscript form, of the latter, had been sent to the Chairman.

Moved by Miss Prentice that further discussion of this question be deferred until after the discussion of the Foreign object.

Carried.

The question- "Who shall prepare the Foreign and Bible Courses for next year?" was then presented.

Miss Prentice moved that the Board of the Northwest be asked to prepare the Foreign program for next year.

Motion seconded and carried.

There being no recommendation regarding the Bible study, the motion xx was made, seconded and carried, that a committee of two be appointed to report concerning the matter of the Bible course, and who should prepare it.

The Chairman appointed Mrs. Waid and Miss Hodge.

The question of the changes to be made in "Aims and Methods" booklet was presented.

Mrs. Waid moved that a committee be appointed to consider such changes as should be made. Seconded.

Miss Prentice suggested that the Chairman of the Council should be chairman of that committee.

The other members, as appointed by the Chair, were Miss Petrie and Miss Prentice.

The next question presented was in regard to the recognition of Westminster Guild in Woman's Work.

Mrs. Coy moved that the Westminster Guild Secretaries of each Foreign Board furnish suitable items to their correspondents for Woman's Work, the idea being that they should in this way have regular information.

Motion seconded and carried.

The question of a National Directory was presented. After full discussion, Mrs. Waid moved that from the Woman's Board of Home Missions a duplicate list of all chapters giving church and town be made and given to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Westminster Guild Council.

Motion seconded and carried.

It was also given as the judgment of the Council that new chapters should be reported by the Westminster Guild Secretaries of all the Boards to the Chairman of the Westminster Guild Council; also that the Westminster Guild Secretaries of the Foreign Boards and Westminster Guild Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions supply each other with such information.

The matter of an Annual Report of the National Westminster Guild was then presented. After discussion xxit was moved that ~~the~~ it is the judgment of the Westminster Guild Council that the time has not yet arrived for an annual published report. Seconded and carried.

It was then moved by Miss Prentice that according to a suggestion made by Miss Petrie, there be a slip printed, that may be inserted in the "Aims and Methods" booklet, giving briefly the status of Westminster Guild work at the date indicated on the slip.

Motion seconded and carried.

Council adjourned at 12:45 to accept the invitation of the Westminster

Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest, for luncheon and to reconvene at 2 P. M.

Afternoon session called to order at 2:15. Meeting opened with prayer by Miss Hodge. Chairman called for reports from committees appointed at morning session. The committee appointed to decide upon the subject of and the Board to prepare Bible program for the coming year, reported the recommendation that the Bible course next year be on the topic of the Bible and Missions, and that it be prepared by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of New York.

This recommendation was seconded, and unanimously carried.

The Committee to suggest the changes to be ~~mmm~~ made in "Aims and Methods" not being ready to report, the Chairman presented for discussion the question of Bi-ennial National Conference of Westminster Guild Chapter members.

Miss Prentice moved that there be no Bi-ennial National Conference of Westminster Guild Chapter members, as this would lead to too many complications. Motion seconded and carried.

The Chairman now submitted for discussion the question of uniformity: (First) As to the naming of a Westminster Guild Secretary among the officers of the Women's Foreign Boards, given on the third page of the cover of Woman's Work.

Miss Prentice moved that a Westminster Guild Secretary be named among the Boards' officers given on the third page of the cover of Woman's Work.

Motion seconded and carried.

Uniformity (Second) In the Report Blanks, whether sent out by the Home or Foreign Board Secretaries. After full discussion Mrs. Bennett moved that the matter of blanks be referred to a committee to be reported back to the Council. Motion seconded and carried.

Uniformity (Third) In the use of Westminster Guild letter-head paper ~~mm~~ by every Westminster Guild Secretary of the Home and Foreign Boards.

Miss Petrie moved that the letter-head of the Westminster Guild be the "Westminster Guild of the Women's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.", and that it shall be used by the Westminster Guild Secretaries. Motion seconded and carried.

The next question discussed touched upon the relationship between the individual Home or Foreign Board Secretary of the Westminster Guild and her ~~Chapter~~

chapters.

Mrs. Bennett moved the adoption of the recommendation made by Mrs. Coy, that the point of contact between the Board Secretary and her chapters be through Synodical Westminster Guild Secretaries just as far as is practicable, and that the appointment of these Synodical Secretaries be recommended very strongly. Motion seconded and carried.

Questions concerning the objects supported were then taken up. Miss Petrie presented the following facts regarding the appropriation asked for the Hospital at Haines Alaska.

Appropriation of Woman's Board of Home Missions for
Haines Hospital, Alaska ---------- 1909-1910.

Salary of nurse ----------	$480.00
Repairs ----------	$300.00
General expenses ----------	$1700.00
	$2480.00
Cost in ----------	1908-09.
	$2237.17
Water supply put in ----------	530.00
	$2767.17

Received to February 15th. from Westminster Guild for all objects $1537.56 (Some sent for schorarshipd, salaries of teachers and general mission school work.)

Less than $1400 has been received designated for Haines from the Westminster Guild during the last year. To carry Haines Hospital for next year $3000 will be required.

This report having been accepted, moved by Mrs. Coy that we continue contributing to the support of the hospital at Haines, Alaska.

Motion seconded and carried.

The Chairman then presented for discussion the question of the object to be supported in the Foreign field, explaining the desire to have a station where the missionaries were not already supported by individuals or societies. Miss Prentice having been requested by the Chairman to take this matter up with the Secretaries in New York, was called upon. She reported that two stations were offered us- one at Pre in the Laos country and the other to be reopened at Medillin in Columbia, South America. Miss Prentice had obtained full and detailed information regarding the latter, which she presented with convincing earnestness. If the Westminster Guild

adopts this station it will be called the Westminster Guild Station, and will be subject to our control.

The amount required at the outset would be probably ---- $2600.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren's salary ---------- $1600.

(The other $400 having been offered to the Board of the Northwest as Mrs. Warren was formerly supported by that Board, when she was Miss Freeman.)

Miss Burnap's salary ---------- $1000.

~~$1000 x for x Miss x Burnap~~. This includes the rent, etc. etc. Under a ruling of the Board it was decided that $2000 must be asked for each family going out, because that includes the work in the field.

The discussion following this plea for South America brought out the fact that there was a strong sentiment on the part of some to undertake the support of missionaries instead of a station. ~~x~~ Finally the motion was made by Miss Prentice- that Miss Rumsey as Chairman of the Westminster Guild Council be asked to communicate with Dr. Brown and Mrs. Halsey Wood on the change in the Foreign Object: Stating the preference for the support of missionaries rather than undertaking a station, and asking the practical possibility of providing for missionaries in different countries--Two to be undertaken at the present time, and the number ~~xxx~~ of missionaries to increase as our funds increase. Miss Rumsey to report as soon as possible.

Miss Petrie moved a vote of thanks to Miss Prentice for her able presentation of the work in South America, and the time and labor which she had put upon the matter.

Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

The Chairman then asked for a motion on the question of which Foreign Board's Committees shall secure and issue information about the Foreign Object.

Mrs. Coy moved that the Westminster Guild Council appoint one of its members to do this work. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Coy then recommended that the Philadelphia Board be asked to do this work for this year. Recommendation seconded and carried.

The following ~~question~~ was then taken up:-

"What is required of a Chapter in order to belong to the National organization, any study? One course, or all? Any contributions?"

After full discussion on the matter of the courses required, Miss Hodge moved that there be a course on Home and Foreign missions required

each year, and that the Council recommend the Bible study be used as a devotional exercise in the chapter meetings.

Motion seconded and carried.

Miss Hodge moved that if possible the Foreign study be on the country where the Foreign object is. Motion seconded and carried.

The seond point in the question was discussed and the motion made that a contribution of at least one joint share of $2.00 be required.

Motion seconded and carried.

The method of making the pledge was then presented and discussed at length.

Mrs. Waid moved that the present certificate system be discontinued.

Motion seconded and carried.

Miss Hodge moved that the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest be requested to provide some simpler form of pledge to be used this year, and submit to the Boards. Motion seconded and carried.

The Council took up the question of the changes to be made in the

Plan for Administration of the Westminster Guild.

Mrs. Coy moved that Section 1. be omitted which now reads as follows: (i) That a committee of five (5), or more, be appointed by each Foreign Board to co-operate with a committee of five (5) from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, in the administration of the Westminster Guild work in the territory of the Foreign Boards.

Motion seconded and carried.

Moved that Section 11. which now reads as follows: (That there be a Westminster Guild Central Committee, composed of one (1) member from each Foreign Board, and six (6) members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, with voting power equal to the Foreign representation.), become Section 1. and be amended to read: That there be a Westminster Guild Council composed of one (1) member from each Foreign Board and six (6) members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions with voting power equal to the Foreign representation.

Motion seconded and carried.

The further discussion of this question was postponed by the motion to adjourn and to meet again at the La Salle Hotel at eight o'clock.

Evening session of the Council called to order at 8:15 by the Chairman. As the changes to be made in the PLAN FOR ADMINISTRATION involved the settlement of other questions, these latter were taken up.

In answer to the question of future meetings of the Council, Mrs. Pringle moved that the Council meet at least once in three years.

This motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The motion was made by Miss Hodge that the Chairman shall call a meeting of the Council when in the judgment of four (4) Boards the questions are of sufficient importance to warrant such a meeting.

Motion seconded and carried.

The question of Chairmanship of the Council was then presented and the following action taken. "That beginning the year 1910, the Chairman be elected for a term of three years, no Chairman to serve for two consecutive terms."

Miss Prentice moved, and Mrs. Bennett seconded the motion, that Miss Rumsey act as Chairman for the next three years.

Motion seconded and carried.

The Council now proceeded to take up the further changes in the PLAN OF ADMINISTRATION, and the following action was taken: Section 111. shall become Section 11. and read: That every third year the Westminster Guild Council shall meet before March 1st. at the headquarters of one of the Boards, and all questions of policy, requiring to be voted on at this time shall be sent two months in advance to the Boards for consideration. Section V. shall become Section 1V. and read: That at this tri-ennial meeting the members, representing the various Boards, shall elect the Chairman of the Westminster Guild Council for the ensuing term, and select the place where the next meeting shall be held.

Section Vl. shall become Section V. and read:

(a) That the six members of this Westminster Guild Council representing the Foreign Board's shall each year select one Board to prepare the Foreign study course with program, helps, etc. for the coming year.

(b) That to the Woman's Board of Home Missions be delegated the section of the subjects and the printing of its own study courses.

(c) That the Bible course be prepared by the various Boards in turn. All these courses to be approved by a 3/4 vote of the Westminster Guild Council.

(d)That from the Boards thus preparing the different courses, the other Boards shall order the Programs, Helps, etc. in such quantities as shall be needed by their Chapters.

Section Vll. Shall be Section Vl. and read: That details of the plans outlined and accepted by the Westminster Guild Council be administered in the territory of each of the Foreign Boards by its own Westminster Guild Committee from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

In regard to Question 11. (How each Westminster Guild Committee can best serve its own Board in the educating of Presbyterian young women in its methods, purposes and accomplishments.)

No recommendation was made, though it presents a field for the Board's to cultivate.

Question 10. (The relation of Westminster Guild to the Y.W.C.A. and the Student Volunteer Movement, and their conferences.
NOTE: Miss Hodge who attended the Student Volunteer Convention, and the Conference of their Women Secretaries with the representatives of the Women's Missionary Boards, will be asked to present this subject.)

Miss Hodge presented a plea for coming in contact with girls in colleges, at summer conferences, Student Volunteer Movement conventions, etc. The Council endorses such co-operation as may prove possible.

It was moved and carried that if the Chapters desire a pin they be allowed. It was also moved that the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest present at least three designs to the Council for approval. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Waid moved that the committee appointed to revise the leaflet "Aims and Methods" be given power to act.

Seconded by Miss Hodge, and carried.

Miss Prentice presented the report of sub-committee on the Report and Registration Blanks. It was moved, seconded and carried that there be uniformity in report and registration blanks, and that the blanks now used by the Board of the Northwest be accepted with such changes as were recommended by the sub-committee. These blanks to be printed by the Board of the Northwest, and sold to the other Boards at cost. Miss Rumsey asked that some one should be appointed to help edit the minutes of the Council. Mrs. Waid was asked to assist in this work.

Miss Prentice repeated the invitation given in the morning for the Board and the Council to hold its next meeting in New York City. Mrs. Pringle also extended an ~~invitation~~ invitaion for her Board. Moved that the matter be settled by correspondence. Carried.

After a unanimous vote of thanks to the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest- for their hospitality, the Council adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

These minutes were edited by Mrs. Waid and Miss Rumsey, from the stenographers report of the morning and afternoon sessions, and Miss Petrie's report of the evening session.

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My dear Miss Petrie

I shall be very glad to be of any use to you. Enclosed you will find a copy of "Constitution of Young Women's Missionary Circle" this is all the pledge we use

Those joining the Circle are expected to accept this - You see our Nat. Board of "Christian Women's Board of Missions" is both Home & Foreign and the ten cents per month which one must give to be a member is used by the Nat. Board as they think best. Special funds can be raised at any time by members & Circle (for any work Home or Foreign) the one giving designating the special use of such offering

Most cordially yours

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My dear Miss Petrie;

We do not use a special pledge blank for our young women's societies, though in the reorganization of this department which we must soon undertake one will be needed. Perhaps then I may be able to profit by your experience

With best wishes

Cordially yours
Edwin H. Allen -

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Miss Josephine Petrie
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My dear Miss Petrie

Yours of the 24th
received. We have no
form of pledge blank
in our Home Missionary
work either among our
women or young people.
I am not sure however
but what a form might
not prove helpful. Our

Congregational people you know are a rather independent folk.

Very Cordially.

Jr C Kincaid

(Mrs. Wm)

The Westminster Guild
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

July 9 - 1921 -

My dear Mrs Bennett:-

The time has truly come to talk of many things and if you were only here to have a frank discussion with me how much more satisfactory it would be! There are many things I dislike to discuss on paper but I see no other alternative.

There are some problems to face in connection with W. Guild this fall before we can go one step & I will mention me or two. The first is the Joint Secretary! It does seem to me that the time can never again be so ripe for this proposition for it may never happen that your B'd will be without an assistant Secy at the same time that we are without a J. P. Sec. Marcia Kerr is sweet & lovely, & yet I do not feel any one person should stand in the way of progress, & if we can find a fine girl for Joint W. G. work I think we should strike now. May I tell you here in absolute confidence that Miss Rumsey of Chicago has applied for this place after she returns from abroad but no one has told me they think her the right person - I certainly don't! She, Miss Ogg & Miss Allis are all the same type. Miss Hodge may write you about this & if so don't say I told you. The only other suggestions are Miss White, Dr White Daughter, & Mary Eliza Clark -

Some feel that Mary Aliza could fill the bill & her place be more easily filled. The name of your Field Sec. who was at Chambersburg was also mentioned. The salary could be $2000 or $2200 & still neither B'd would be paying as much as now with Miss Kerr & your Secy at $1800. If we go back to old status & put W.G. under our G.P. Sec, & yours I see no possibility of pushing this organization & I see no need of a Committee to plan for it. If we have a fine woman to suggest I believe Miss Hodge & others will consider it. So what can we do?

One other thing - do you approve of the "half & half" plan of giving? Frankly - I do - but many do not & I believe it will soon be discussed & we must be ready for an adjustment. I feel it has been a big factor in the education of our young women & girls & has made missions seem one big whole & caused the older women to unite their work. As the girls grow older they naturally give where the plea appeals as do our women but they have a broader view of both sides I believe. I may be wrong, & it may all have to be changed.

Miss Hodge believes in "General Fund for W.G. but if we pledge all to one station & then don't cover the thing I can't see advantage of this.

Miss Allis is going abroad & that takes her from our Com. So I hope by Sept. to have a working Com. of Miss Miller, Mrs McCurdy & Mrs Schell. I trust yours will be complete then. It has been an impossible Com. to get together though we had a fixed time

& I told Mrs Sonderbough I'd not come to N.Y. & spend time & Board money simply to confer - unless we have a quorum - I see no use in meetings when action cannot

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for nothing - I hope for a less elusive com. this fall -

I am waiting anxiously to hear from Mrs Stockwell for if she doesn't serve I must appoint some one at once on "Personnel" -

Miss Agg writes of Chicago Beach & Evanston Hotels & I'm writing her suggesting "Excelsior Springs Mo." or Kansas? That idea came from the West I believe -

I am sorry to intrude any of this into your vacation but as you are visiting perhaps you may consider a few of these problems - You need not mention Mary Alyea to certain people if you feel uncertain of their reaction, & don't let Mrs Sonderbough be the one to push the Joint Office affair at present as she was rather insistent to Miss Hodge about a Joint J. P. Dept - for which the Foreign Bd is not ready - See! Rome was not built in a day too, lo!

I am here hot & tired & hoping some cheap place or cottage or some thing may turn up in our lives - this is becoming a habit with us now & I fear me there is no relief until school days are past -

With love Faithfully & in confidence

Mattie H. Jennings

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MrS Tyler, Chairman of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest writes under date of November 23rd: "Our Board wants to change one or two minor points in the report of our conference with the representatives of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. In section number two, they recommend that the term "Christian settlements in the East" be used rather than "Social settlements." In section number three, they would like to emphasize the position of the Committee in choosing and recommending the synodical secretary for Guild work. They suggest this wording of that section: "That the state secretary referred to should be a synodical officer elected by the synodical society, it being the desire of the Guild Committee that they have the privilege of recommending such an officers to the synodical society and that the synodical officers confer with the Committee in regard to all such nominations." In section six it was suggested that this statement be added: "The Foreign and Home programs shall occupy alternately the first place in the year's study."

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Westminster Council

Last paragraph

December 4, 1924

To the Members of the Executive Committee
of the Woman's Committee of the
Board of National Missions

Dear Friends:

No one is more conscious than am I that we should have a meeting, but it has seemed impossible to find a day when you are all available. I ask at "156" where only some of your engagements are scheduled, and adding that information to any I may have I find difficulty in naming a day and hour. Correspondence - which forbids discussion - is not satisfactory but it is the best I can do today. A meeting this week is not possible and next week some of us will be in Chicago; I am, therefore, trying to clear up three matters of immediate importance now, and am asking you to reserve the afternoon of Tuesday, December 16th, after the meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for a meeting of this Committee.

I. At the meeting of Council of Woman's Committees held Tuesday, December 2nd, the report of the special Committee (consisting of Mrs. Waid and Mrs. Finley) named at the joint meeting of the two Woman's Committees on November 14th, was considered, and after some modifications was adopted. As this paper is to be the basis of consultation with members of General Council at Chicago next week, it is important that you see it and approve it before it shall be so used. If a copy is not enclosed in this letter it will be sent you later and I urge that each of you let me know before Tuesday next whether you approve or disapprove of it. I shall be in Englewood until Sunday. After that, Drake Hotel, Chicago. The statement is so complete in itself that it needs no explanation from me.

II. Members for District Committees. - The filling of vacancies in the Executive Committees of District Committees was by vote at this meeting of Council left to Miss Hodge, Miss Schultz, Miss Dawson and myself with power. Do you approve this? In any case I need your advice and ask you each to consider the following carefully, adding new names as you wish. We have checked the lists with the following results.

(a) San Francisco office:

Mesdames Engler, Friend, Geldert and Wheeler of our choices accepted and Miss Williams declined. We must, therefore, name one other. Names considered

before included Mesdames Edwards, Surryhne, Rivett, Ross, Wickett, Rockenbeamer.

(b) It is desired that Portland Committee be named at once, and I think the Foreign group have suggested the following: Mesdames Thaxter, Goss, McCamant, Lewis, and Papullo. Names suggested have been: Mesdames Mathis, Chamberlain, Osborne, King, Beans, Lockwood, Price, Wakefield, MacMasher, and Allen.

(c) Chicago list is complete!

(d) St. Louis.

One woman, Mrs. Sutherland, has not been heard from: other four accepted. If Mrs. Sutherland refuses, the only name I have is a Mrs. Close and know nothing of her. Can you make suggestions?

(e) Philadelphia office.

We have had very bad luck here. Invited Mesdames Erdman, Perkins, Stockwell, Mullineux and Paist. The last has accepted, the first two refuse, and Mrs. Stockwell and Miss Mullineux are still doubtful. That Committee needs building up. We need to be ready with four names. List shows Mesdames Benson, Corson, Haines, Howland, Luckie, McElwee, Odenett, Ramsey, Rawson (her husband is on Board of National Missions) Roberts, Rose, Scott, (Helen and Mrs. Samuel B.) Smith, (W.D.D.) Luttle, Wills, Yarnall.

(f) New York office.

Miss Slade accepts. Mrs. Edgar refused and we have with approval of three members of this Committee asked Mrs. George Vincent, wife of pastor of Smith Park Church, Newark, to be a member. Mesdames Baucker, Bryan, Corning not yet heard from. Please suggest names to be used should any refuse. It should be possible to make this a really strong Committee.

III. May I have your approval of the action taken at the joint meeting of the Woman's Committees, November 14th, 1924, which read as follows:

"Voted that we recommend to the Woman's Committees of the

Boards of Missions that Westminster Guild for World Service with its four-fold program similar to the Comprehensive Program for Young People which has been planned by the Boards of Foreign and National Missions and Christian Education and the suggested age limit of twenty-three years, become the organization for the young women of the church in place of Westminster Guild which has belonged just to the Mission Boards - this organization to be promoted jointly by the Mission Boards and the Board of Christian Education."

You heard the discussion and voted on this at above meeting, but it needs ratification by you in your separate capacity!

I am,

Very cordially yours,

Chairman

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